

EDUCATION & LIFE-LONG LEARNING #TakeTheMic



DISCUSSION PURPOSE & AGENDA



Purpose: to update the Ontario Liberal Party Membership of the #TakeTheMic results

Agenda:

- Welcome and overview remarks from Platform co-Chairs
- Platform co-Chairs to present
 - Overview of the #TakeTheMic process and the participation numbers
 - Social Media Impressions
 - Review of the top ideas and support level
 - Overview of each policy theme
 - Discussion
 - **Remarks from the Leader – Steven Del Duca**

A STORY IN THE NUMBERS

A total of **28,236** visited the #TakeTheMic website, submitting **38,438** original ideas and comments and casting **233,791** votes.

We know many of you worked hard in your ridings and networks to get people engaged, and it paid off. Thank you!

Top 5 Most Supported Policy Recommendations

1	Improve the quality of care (including better food, increased personal hygiene and more hours of care)	Fixing Long-Term Care	98% Approval*
2	Create and protect green space and increase Ontario's tree canopy	Fighting Climate Change and Protecting our Environment	97% Approval*
3	Move to a full-time staffing model in long-term care, providing more stability, better working conditions, higher wages and more accountability	Fixing Long-Term Care	96% Approval*
4	Reverse the gutting of Conservation Authorities and provide them with the tools they need to deliver on their mandate	Fighting Climate Change and Protecting Our Environment	96% Approval*
5	Improve emission performance standards for big polluters	Fighting Climate Change and Protecting Our Environment	96% Approval*

*Approval is a measure of the percentage of participants who voted in support of an option, rather than neutral or opposed.

HOW MANY OF
YOU
#TookTheMic

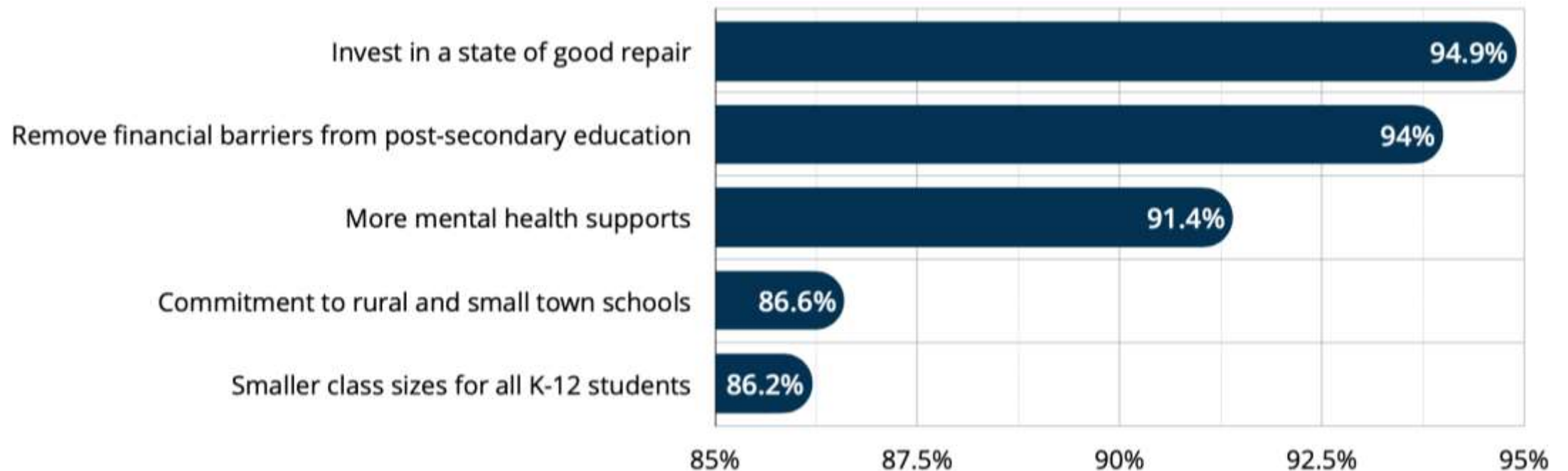


WEEK #3: Education & Life-long learning



TOP COMMENTED ON POLICY STATEMENTS RELATED TO EDUCATION

- A province-wide consultation on modernizing school curriculum, including a review of EQAO (289 comments)
- Forgive OSAP loans across Ontario (276 comments)
- Provide an Ontario-grown breakfast and lunch for every K-12 student in need - (237 comments)
- Create a new Ontario life-long learning account (231 comments)



Comments Overview

[RE: rural & small town schools] Merge the two school systems so students don't have to ride a bus past their local school to go to Catholic or Public school miles away. (5 Likes)

[RE: modernize school curriculum] Don't throw out a classical education. Liberal arts education is essential to personal growth and development. Yes, skills for jobs are important. Yes, we need more emphasis on STEM. But NOT at the cost of the liberal arts. We are not just building an economy, we are developing human beings. (5 Likes)

[RE: financial barriers to PS education] Post-secondary education should be free (4 Likes)

[RE: financial barriers to PS education] Before Doug Ford cratered the Wynne government's new OSAP grant system for low to middle income families, Ontario was well on its way to having one of the most progressive PSE funding systems in the world. The simplest thing to do would be to immediately revert back to this system upon forming government. It can be adapted over future years. It is possible the amount given to higher income deciles could be reduced and redistributed to low to middle income deciles. The government also needs to make it easier for students who come from higher income families, but who do *not* and will not receive support from parents, to access OSAP grants. (4 Likes)

[RE: smaller class sizes] Reduce tax cuts/credits for those who use private schools and end subsidization of religious schools like the Catholic school board. Focus on making public school great. (4 Likes)

[RE: provide breakfast and lunch] Make it universal. Don't stigmatize students who need it. (4 Likes)

Ontario Liberal leader Steven Del Duca promises \$8 billion over 5 years for additional school funding

Steven Del Duca  @StevenDelDuca · May 23

Families need time to plan, and education workers have adapted through revolving school closures. Doug Ford needs to provide clarity on the future of in-person learning: ontarioliberal.ca/doug-fords-ban...

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“Parents, education workers and students have been left in the dark too long.”

- Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party

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Treat Ontario education workers like front-line workers: Del Duca



Canadian Press



Steven Del Duca  @StevenDelDuca · May 6

Earlier today, I was thrilled to join my @OntLiberal colleagues to unveil our plan to make childcare more affordable and accessible for Ontario parents. Learn more: ontarioliberal.ca/care-for-every...



STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS ACTION PLAN

17,000 NEW TEACHERS
14,000 NEW CLASSROOMS
10,000 NEW CARETAKERS
SMALLER, SAFER CLASSES



Kate Graham  @KateMarieGraham

A costed plan for a safe return to school. 🍌🍌🍌

Making sure kids are able to learn safely at school is critical, not just for their learning but for our economic recovery.

It's going to take a significant investment in teachers and education workers to make that happen. /1

Fighting for students, parents and the education community

Poor back-to-school plan to blame for lockdown: Liberal leader

Del Duca Calls on Ford to Vaccinate Teachers

Education – A Liberal Value

We know that this year has been particularly challenging for students, parents and the education community.

We want to hear from you about what challenges you have faced, and how they may be overcome.

- How has the hybrid model worked for your family?
- Do you think students (elementary / high school) have all been impacted the same?
- What other supports are necessary for Ontario's education system?
- What should be prioritized?

THANK YOU

