



## Provincial Vote Oct. 10: Make your ballot a vote for OPSEU

Ontario will soon be going to the polls in a provincial election. Every election is vital to the democratic health of our province and the Oct. 10 election is no exception.

For OPSEU members, however, the outcome of this election is especially important. I urge you to closely study the positions taken by each of the parties and their leaders on the issues that matter most to our membership.

OPSEU has made its priorities clear. Full funding must be restored to ministries which have experienced cuts over the past decade. Staff shortages and inadequate funding in the broader public service must be addressed. The minimum wage must be increased to \$10 per hour now, not in 2010. The government must keep its promise to change the law to allow college part-timers to bargain collectively.

We also support the recommendation of the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform. On Oct. 10 vote 'Yes' to Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) representation at Queen's Park. By doing so, you will be saying yes to a more democratic method of electing our MPPs.

Make your ballot an 'OPSEU vote.' Vote for the candidate in your riding who pledges to move our priorities forward. In doing so, you can help build a stronger union and a stronger Ontario.

In solidarity,

Warren (Smokey) Thomas, *President, OPSEU*



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