

POLITICAL ACTION NOW

A Newsletter for Unit Presidents, Political Action and Communication Committee Chairs September 23, 2008

November 5th Lobby Day

Registration information has been sent to all unit presidents. Forms must be returned on or before October 15th. The Lobby Day begins at noon and concludes at 6:30 p.m. Unit presidents and PAC chairs (or designates) are the participants.

Workplace violence is the topic of the day. We will focus on the problems teachers face, such as bullying and psychological harassment. Local examples will be helpful in the discussions.

The Government Relations department is currently arranging meetings with MPPs. You are urged to contact your local MPP(s) and encourage them to accept our invitation to meet on Wednesday, November 5th. Let's work together to make our first Lobby Day a success.

Ontario Riding	Lib.	Cons.	NDP	Lead
Parry Sound-Muskoka	40.0%	40.1%	11.9%	0.1%
Glengarry-Prescott-Russell	41.2%	41.6%	12.7%	0.4%
St. Catharines	37.0%	37.5%	20.5%	0.4%
Hamilton East-Stoney Creek	35.2%	25.3%	36.0%	0.9%
Brant	36.9%	36.0%	21.3%	1.0%
Thunder Bay-Superior North	36.0%	22.0%	35.1%	1.0%
Oakville	43.4%	42.1%	9.7%	1.2%
Thunder Bay-Rainy River	35.1%	27.2%	33.4%	1.7%
Huron-Bruce	39.8%	38.05%	16.3%	1.8%
London-Fanshawe	32.6%	29.0%	34.5%	1.9%
Ottawa-Orléans	39.1%	41.1%	15.1%	2.0%
Simcoe North	38.4%	40.4%	14.1%	2.1%
London West	37.7%	35.5%	21.4%	2.2%
Barrie	39.2%	41.9%	12.2%	2.7%
Kitchener-Conestoga	38.5%	41.2%	14.95%	2.7%
Halton	41.4%	44.2%	8.8%	2.7%
Peterborough	32.4%	35.9%	25.7%	3.5%
Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing	38.2%	23.3%	34.5%	3.7%
Burlington	39.1%	43.1%	12.4%	4.0%
Mississauga South	44.2%	40.1%	10.8%	4.1%
Parkdale-High Park	35.9%	17.1%	40.4%	4.5%
Ancaster-Dundas-Flamb.-Westdale	34.5%	39.1%	21.3%	4.6%
Nickel Belt	43.3%	12.6%	38.7%	4.6%
Sault Ste. Marie	34.2%	24.0%	38.9%	4.7%
Welland	35.5%	29.2%	30.7%	4.9%

source: www.thehilltimes.ca

Federal Election

OECTA does not participate actively in the Federal election, but, like many Canadians, we are watching the campaign with keen interest. It is generally acknowledged that there are 57 targeted ridings across Canada, and 25 in Ontario alone (see the table below). Visit www.electionprediction.org to follow these close ridings. A good source of federal political information is www.thehilltimes.ca. Blogs are becoming a great way to monitor ongoing discussions. The following represent a sampling and many of them contain links to a range of other blogs:

1. www.warrenkinsella.com
2. www.stephentaylor.ca
3. www.cameronholmstrom.blogspot.com
4. www.homegrownsocialist.blogspot.com
5. www.calgarygrit.blogspot.com
6. www.jasoncherniak.blogspot.com
7. www.newdemocratsonline.ca
8. www.dipperchick.blogspot.com
9. www.canadaconservative.blogspot.com
10. www.returnofthetory.wordpress.com
11. www.imrightasrainblogspot.com

Fairness for Ontario

Premier McGuinty has launched his "Fairness for Ontario" campaign, seeking to obtain commitments from all Federal Party Leaders to treat Ontario fairly in terms of federal programs and transfer payments. More information can be found at www.fairness.ca