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#### ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 22 OCTOBER 2018

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# THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS-ONTARIO IS YOUR PROVINCIAL STUDENTS' UNION

37 Member locals in Ontario Over 500,000 members

**Over 60** member locals across Canada

With more than 350,000 members at 37 students' unions in Ontario and 500,000 members at 60 students' unions across Canada, the Canadian Federation of Students is the voice of post-secondary education in the country.

Our Federation represents domestic and international students at the college, undergraduate and graduate levels, including full- and part-time students.







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# MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS QUICK STATS

- 444 municipalities
- average voter
  turnout 43.12%
- over 2 MILLION post-secondary students in Ontario

# There are two types of voting systems based on your municipality:

- First-Past-the-Post: Candidate who gets the most votes on the first round of votes
- Ranked Ballots: Preferential ballots where the final elected member has received at least 50% of the votes

#### **Municipal governments can oversee:**

Transit · Infrastructure · Planning · Parks & Recreation

- Roads 
  Child Care 
  Police Services 
  Libraries
- Waste Management 
  Tax Collection 
  Social Services
- Zoning & Bylaws and much more!



# IMPORTANCE

Now, more than ever, it is important to have a strong municipal government that prioritizes progressive policy, practice and governance. While provincial governments have a huge influence on municipal funding and overall governance, municipalities also have a strong say on the implementation of funding, policy and infrastructure. This election, we need strong local candidates that will defend public services, expand infrastructure and build progressive policy.

#### As students we have a **HUGE OPPORTUNITY** to decide who our municipal representatives are. **VOTE LOCAL!**

# GET INVOLVED **TODAY!**

- Look up candidate platforms for your ward
- Sign up for reminders to vote
- Share this information with a friend



#### Go out and Vote Local on Octber 22!

#### **Volunteer with the Canadian Federation of Students and** your local students' union!

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# CHILD CARE

The current child care system in Ontario has placed a massive financial burden on parents who struggle to find affordable, high-quality child care. Child care rates, grants, space and government structures vary between municipalities.

**\$40 - \$60** 

**\$7** 

Québec

Manitoba

 $\mathbf{518}$ 

Ontario

Cost of child care per day

### Vote for a municipal government that will take a strong stance on:

- Local child care subsidies and policies
- Child care from childbirth to kindergarten
- Reduction in child care fees

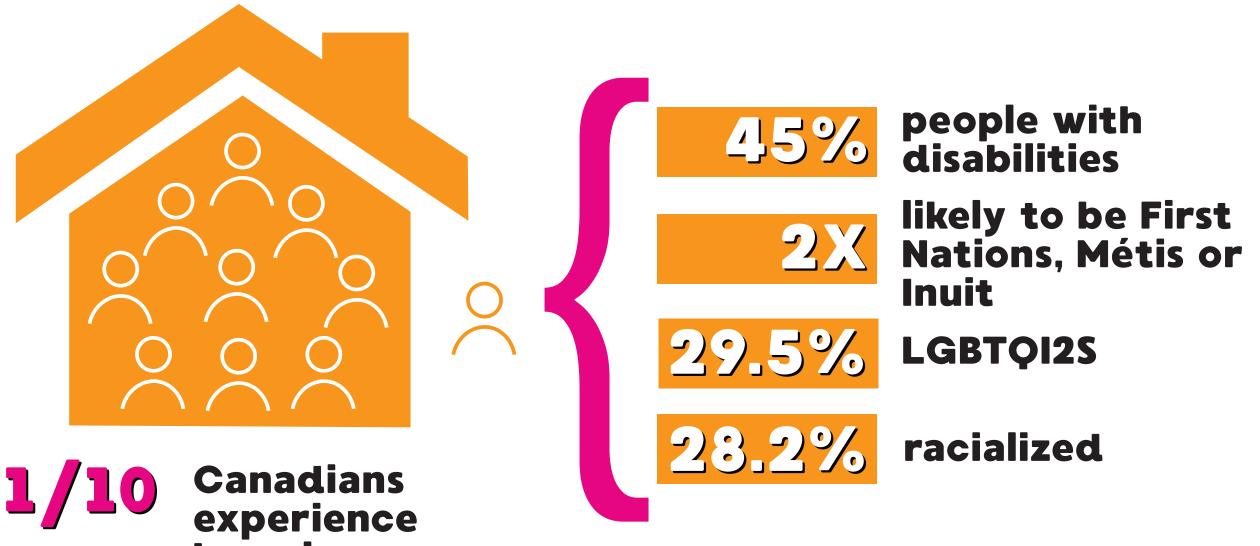
# For more information, please visit: www.childcareontario.org

\* Sources: Ontario Coalition for Better Childcare



Affordable Housing:

A unit for rent that does not exceed 30% of your income.



#### homelessness

### Vote for a municipal government that will prioritize:

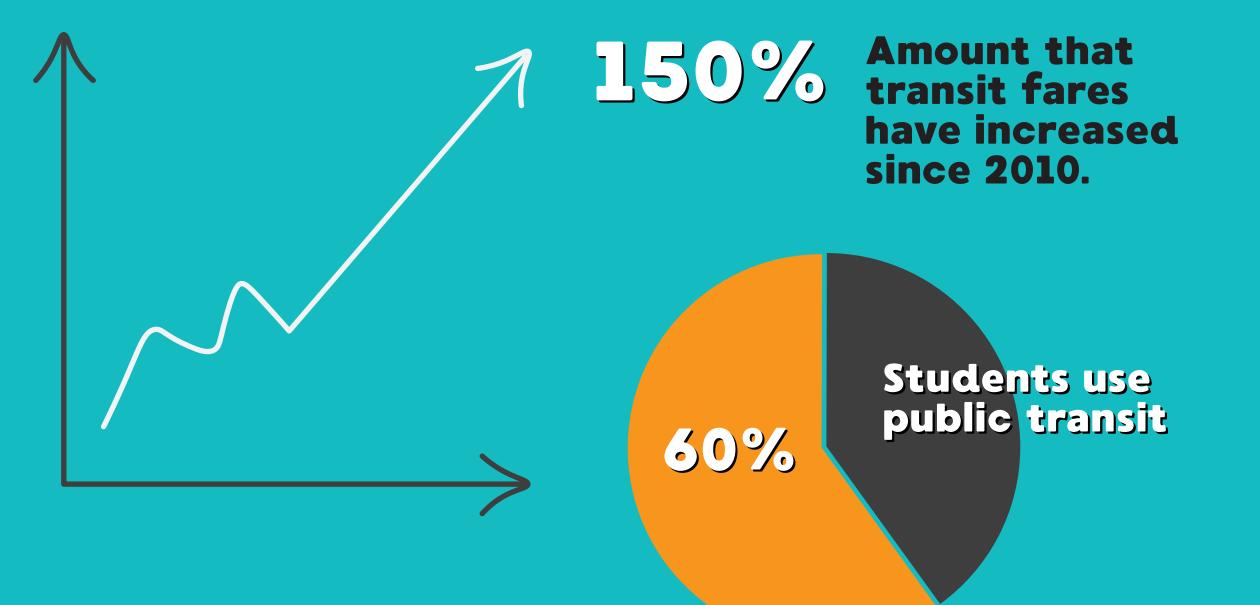
- Rent control
- Increasing infrastructure for subsidized housing
- Improving regulation of student housing

### For more information, please visit: www.acorncanada.org

\* Sources: Statistics Canada and Homeless Hub



Students need affordable, accessible and publicly funded transit.



# Vote for a candidate that will prioritize:

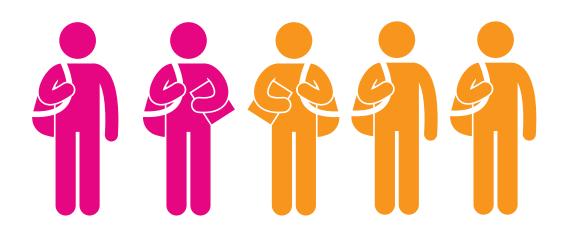
- Student discounts and reduced fares
- Long term, public funding for infrastructure
- Accessible routes and campus travel

#### For more information, please visit: www.fairnessforstudents.ca



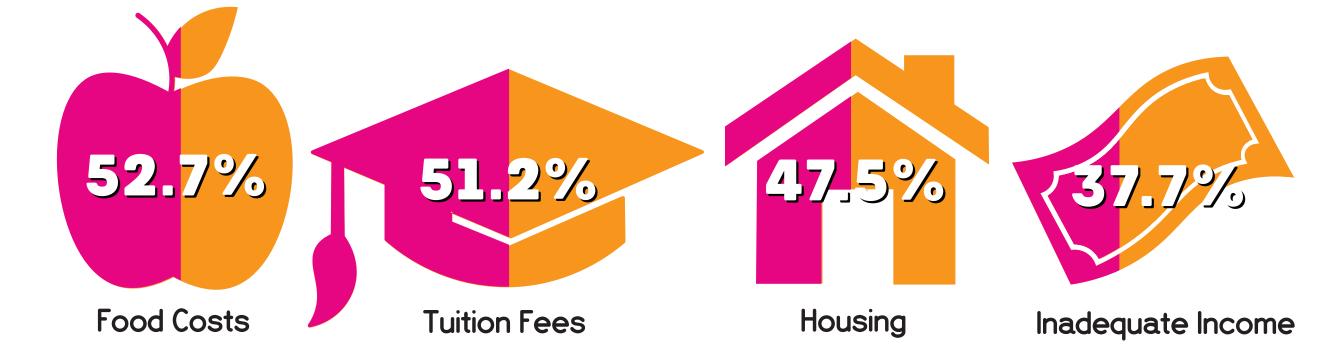


Food Secure: Available and adequate access at all times to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life.



2/5 students experience some form of food insecurity

Food-insecure students reported several barriers to food security, including:



#### Vote for a candidate that will prioritize:

- A living wage for municipal workers
- Creating and supporting municipal food policy councils
- Poverty reduction strategies on and off-campus

For more information, please visit: www.meal exchange.ca

\* Sources: Meal Exchange Hungry for Knowledge (2016)



# REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

Anti-choice groups publicly display and distribute graphic materials to students and community members that are violent and disturbing.



Automatic safe access zones in Ontario.

Known anti-choice groups and charities operating specifically in Ontario.

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Known anti-choice groups and charities operating in Canada.

# Vote for a candidate that will support:

- The creation of safe zones
- Bylaws that prohibit public distribution and display of graphic images
- Funding for public health and sexual education initiatives

# For more information, please visit: www.arcc-cdac.ca

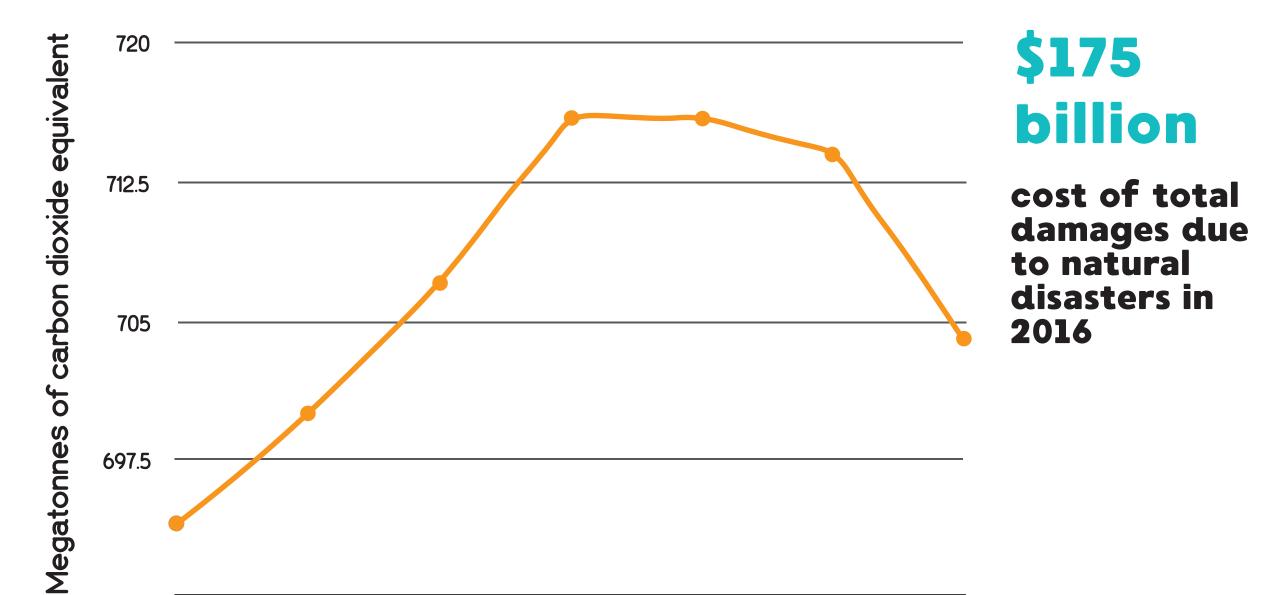
\*Sources: Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada

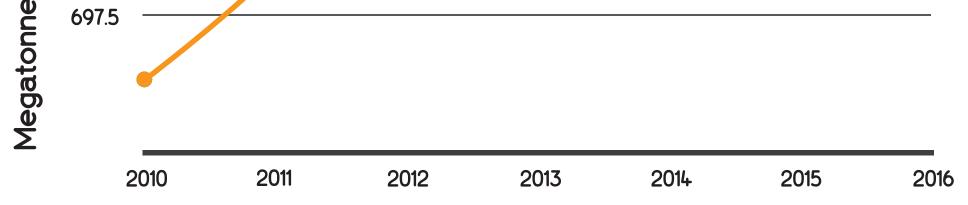


### CLIMATE CHANGE

Municipalities have an important role to play in the fight against climate change.







#### Vote for a candidate that will take a strong lead on:

- Sustainable waste management
- Natural disaster preparedness
- Provincial and federal sustainability initiatives

#### For more information, please visit: www.fairness forstudents.ca

\* Sources: Government of Canada and Assembly of **First Nations**