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Questions on the Issues			
As an MLA, what will you do to help improve the safety of teachers' working conditions in Vancouver?	<p>*Ensure that enrollment during COVID does not compromise the quality of education, nor the ability of schools to retain current teachers or education assistants.</p> <p>*Fund operating grants for school districts to 100% of the grants received in the 2019/2020 school year.</p> <p>*Maintain additional COVID funding for PPE and online learning throughout this school year, and into the 2020/2021 school year as required.</p> <p>*Ensure every school district has the resources to develop a credible and robust remote learning and hybrid learning options.</p> <p>This will help ensure that even when learning from home, students are able to keep a connection to the school they attend and the community they live in.</p>	Parents need to feel their children are safe and teachers need concrete and consistent instructions on how to do this. Right now there is too much discretion which gives the option of being less safe.	
Do you support increasing education funding in both K-12 and Adult Education to ensure provincially mandated expenses are covered and that BC schools are funded to at least the national average? If yes, what actions will you take to ensure a positive outcome?	<p>*Address the continued disparities in wages, class size and composition between districts</p> <p>*Improve access to speech-language pathologists and school psychologists</p> <p>*Develop new resources for students with special needs</p> <p>*Develop a new funding formula that supports a 21st century education system</p>	Teachers need to be paid and supported well as they are responsible for the future of our province. The pay and benefits need to be good so the best people want to enter this profession.	
What will your party do to ensure our district can recruit and retain more certified teachers?	<p>*Committed to address the wage disparities between districts and the need for access to more training</p> <p>*Ensuring that teachers have the resources available to them including funding and training opportunities</p> <p>*Sit down with teachers after the elections and work on a plan together to ensure that training and recruitment needs are being met</p>	See above.	
Do you support a specific leave for COVID-19 in these circumstances? If yes, what actions will you take to ensure a positive outcome?	Personally, I support a leave for teachers to reduce transmission and for safety for everyone. Our party does not have a formal stand as yet on this issue in the platform but I know that the Green party supports health and well-being.	The federal government has offered to support these kinds of efforts. I believe we should pursue this but if unsuccessful we should implement our own program.	
Do you support eliminating the Foundation Skills Assessment? If yes, what actions will you take to ensure a positive outcome?	I believe that we need to look at the evidence on these tests, and ensure that we are not leaving children behind by using an old standard for education.	I believe our BC Liberal policy is to suspend FSAs for this year.	
Many teachers and students, in both K-12 and Adult Ed, have been speaking out about the systemic and overt racism happening in our communities and our schools. What is your strategy to address these issues?	We will develop and implement a province-wide plan to address racism that exists in schools, and commit to additional, ongoing funding to deepen the work of reconciliation and Indigenous education across K-12.	Racism has no place in British Columbia society. We need to ensure everyone is treated fairly!	

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What steps do you believe need to be taken in order to ensure a respectful bargaining process going forward?	We absolutely support the hard-won Supreme Court decision in 2016, and will ensure teachers can work in safe, appropriate environments. We have committed to smaller class sizes, and have called in the past for binding arbitration to ensure a respectful, productive process.	We need to adopt best practices. We can learn a lot by observing other countries to understand their successes and failures.	
How will you work with Vancouver Elementary Teachers' Association to ensure that public education issues are part of your caucus' and party's priorities?	Education early in life is enormously important for the wellbeing of women, kids themselves, and entire communities. These are investments that create a solid foundation for a lifetime. The BC Greens education platform, including large investments and integration of early childhood education into the K-12 system, signal the priority we place on this. As a party led by a teacher, we will put education front and centre in the next government.	Elementary teachers have the future of the province in their hands. They need support to do their job well.	
In Student Vote campaigns, children frequently indicate that fighting climate change is their top concern. If elected MLA what actions will you, or your party take to fight climate change?	We would not only stop subsidizing the fossil fuel industry (which is the bare minimum), we would pivot decisively and quickly to sustainable economic activity that we can rely on into the future. Any economic recovery plan that does not account for carbon emissions and our collective future is not valid. Pouring \$6 billion in provincial LNG incentives supported by both the B.C. Liberals and NDP isn't just unethical, it's colossally stupid. These antiquated industries, as well as the \$12-billion Site C dam which is being built to supply power to LNG industry while destroying valuable agricultural land and driving hydro rates up, are not the way forward for BC's economy.	We need to continue the BC Liberal carbon tax as well as research into alternative energy. But it is also wrong to scare children which can be very bad for their mental health. They need to know there are great strides being made in research which will be implemented in the next couple of decades. We need to align with the federal government and the international bodies as this is a global problem.	
	Our commitments include:		
	1) Carbon neutral by 2045, robust interim target for 2025		
	2) \$1 billion investment to support innovative green businesses		
	3) Enhanced targets and incentives for rapid electrification of transportation		
	4) Just transition program for workers in oil and gas sector		
	5) Clean jobs program to help COVID-19 economic recovery.		
	6) a guaranteed basic income to replace and strengthen BC's piecemeal social safety net so that everyone can live in housing security and dignity.		
	We are the only party that doesn't have corporate or large union allies in the extractive industries. This enables us to continue to tell the truth about the climate and ecological crisis, and to propose the bold solution that will actually address the issue.		