achieving our potential

THE ONTARIO LIBERAL PLAN FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH
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Ontario can and should be the best place in North America to build a business and raise a family.

We have endless possibilities within our grasp. Our pool of talent is deep and unmatched in its diversity. Our communities should be hotbeds of innovation. This province should be a magnet for international investment.

Everything is in place, except the plan to bring it all together and the leadership to make it happen.

At a time when all of North America experienced record growth, the Harris-Eves government squandered the chance to invest in our future prosperity.

They created chaos in the education system, longer waiting lists for health care, traffic gridlock, smog-filled air and dirty water. Their legacy has reduced our quality of life and diminished our ability to attract new investment. After eight years of the Harris-Eves government, our productivity lags far behind our competitors.

Ontario can and must do better.

We have a plan for economic growth that will improve our productivity and increase our prosperity. It will help to build an Ontario that offers better jobs and a higher quality of life for everyone.
We have a four-point plan to:

• Run a tight ship by better managing your hard-earned tax dollars and strengthening public services.
• Build the best workforce in North America.
• Build a more innovative economy, one that encourages the growth of new ideas and businesses.
• Build a truly global Ontario that trades and competes with the best in the world.

Together, we will build an Ontario economy that is the envy of the world with a quality of life second to none.

Dalton McGuinty
Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
Achieving our potential

Ontario is a province with extraordinary potential.

We have a wealth of natural and human resources. Our diverse population has ties to every corner of the globe. We have a tradition of building outstanding institutions for health and education. And we have one of the most talented workforces in the world.

Despite these advantages, we are not doing nearly as well as we could. The productivity gap between Ontario and the U.S. has doubled under the Harris-Eves government.

We can do much better.

You have worked hard, paid your taxes, created jobs and grown the economy. You have kept your part of the bargain. Now it is time for a government that keeps theirs.

Despite seven years of strong growth, the Harris-Eves government added over $21 billion to the debt. They had a chance to invest in our future prosperity and they squandered it on tax cuts paid for with borrowed money, costly consulting contracts and bad management of government. **We will balance the budget, keep taxes down, manage prudently and invest in higher productivity and a better quality of life.**
The Harris-Eves government cut taxes at the expense of investment in the skills of our people. Any province or state can match our tax rates, but none can match our talent. **We will invest in our colleges and universities, leverage our diverse population into an economic advantage and keep our people learning and earning for life.**

The Harris-Eves government did little to encourage the innovative industries and companies that fuel growth and create good, well-paying jobs. **We will support our key business clusters with smart investments in strong, sustainable growth.**

The Harris-Eves government failed to strengthen the infrastructure that supports our trade. They did nothing to expand our non-U.S. trade and attract our share of international investment. **We will build on our U.S. trade ties, open new global markets and aggressively pursue foreign direct investment.**
running a tight ship

No government has ever spent more of your hard-earned tax dollars and given you less in return than the Harris-Eves administration. Ontarians deserve a government that will manage your money wisely while strengthening essential public services.

The Harris-Eves Record: Mismanagement and Waste

- Sold Highway 407 for a fraction of its value and then stuck motorists with skyrocketing tolls.
- Spent $662 million on private consultants last year alone.
- Wasted more than $250 million on partisan government ads.
- More than doubled spending in the Premier’s Cabinet Offices since 1995.

The Harris-Eves government added over $21 billion to the debt, costing us $1.6 billion in interest every year. They were the second last government in Canada to balance their budget. Only the NDP in British Columbia took longer. And they failed to restore Ontario’s credit rating. The NDP cost us a three-point downgrade and the Harris-Eves government recovered only one of these points.

Ontario deserves a government that will maintain fiscal discipline, manage your hard-earned tax dollars wisely and improve the key public services on which our competitiveness and quality of life depend.

Competitive and fair taxes

Hold the line on taxes

We will give you better value for your money, while keeping taxes down.

If we are going to close the productivity gap, and improve quality of life for all Ontarians, we must invest now in our future prosperity.
Ontario workers and their families already pay enough. We will hold the line on your taxes.

Corporate taxes are already competitive in Ontario. We will keep them that way. The Harris-Eves plan to lower corporate income taxes 25 percent below our competitors compromises our ability to make investments that increase our productivity.

### Ontario Corporate Tax Rate is Already Competitive

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### Balanced budgets

We will live by the balanced budget law.

We support and voted for Ontario’s balanced budget law. Unlike the Harris-Eves government, we will not bend the law whenever convenient.

### Debt reduction

We will make sure the debt goes in one direction only: down.

We will not add to the provincial debt. We will pay down the debt as conditions allow, with all surpluses going directly to debt payment.
Getting results

Setting targets

We will measure every investment against results.

We will make your tax dollars work harder. We will tell taxpayers what specific improvements we expect from every new investment. Ineffective programs will be cancelled.

More accountability for spending

We will give the Provincial Auditor enhanced powers to protect taxpayers.

The public watchdog should have the right to investigate spending not just by the Ontario government, but its agencies and transfer partners as well. We will provide for the Auditor to do value-for-money audits of institutions and programs in the broader public sector, including the hydro companies.

The Harris-Eves Record: Wasteful Spending

More than $3.5 billion in annual misspending by the Harris-Eves government:

- Corporate Tax Cut: $2.2 billion
- Private School Voucher: $500 million
- Failure to Collect Corporate Taxes: At least $400 million
- Private Consultants: At least $400 million
- Partisan Government Advertising: At least $50 million
- Total: At least $3.55 billion
building North America’s best workforce

*Our U.S. competitors will always be able to undercut our taxes. Unlike the Harris-Eves government, we choose not to run in that race to the bottom. We choose to reach for the top by developing our single greatest advantage, our people.*

An educated and highly skilled workforce is a competitive advantage in the knowledge economy. The best workers attract the best jobs with the highest pay. We will build the best workforce in North America.

**The Harris-Eves Record: Workforce Development**

- Cut $400 million from post-secondary education.
- Allows young people to quit school at age 16.
- Cut adult education spaces by 80%.
- Made apprenticeship training more costly.
- Produced half as many business graduates and M.A.’s, and fewer Ph.D.’s than our U.S. competitors.

Our plan will sharpen our skills and boost our brainpower.

Today, chronic skills shortages hold our economy back; they prevent us from reaching our full potential. We will unleash that potential with an ambitious plan to develop our skills, from early childhood to lifelong learning.
**Higher education, higher productivity**

The benefits of higher education are clear: the more you learn, the more you earn. And the more you learn, the more productive Ontario becomes.

Why, then, has the Harris-Eves government allowed us to fall so far behind?

### Underfunding our Universities

**Percent change in state/provincial operating funding for our universities, 1996-2001**

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We have a long-term plan to expand capacity in our colleges and universities, make higher education more affordable and enhance the quality of our institutions.

**Double cohort guarantee**

We guarantee that no double cohort student will be shut out.

The Harris-Eves government eliminated Grade 13 and failed to plan for the consequences. Now, as many as 10,000 talented young Ontarians may have their future compromised. We will not let that happen.
More students learning

We will expand our post-secondary capacity by at least 10 percent over five years.

This will make room for almost 50,000 students. Our colleges and universities will be able to hire more faculty, create more knowledge and educate more Ontarians.

More faculty teaching

We will recruit new faculty for colleges and universities.

A chronic shortage of professors and instructors has resulted in huge class sizes. Our 10 percent expansion of post-secondary capacity will allow colleges and universities to hire thousands of new faculty members. In addition, we will create a Faculty Recruitment Fund to help our colleges and universities attract up to 800 of the world’s best teaching minds.

Tomorrow’s researchers

We will invest in the next generation of researchers and professors by increasing graduate scholarships by 50 percent.

Our graduate students are the researchers and professors of the future. Their research will help create tomorrow’s jobs. We will help keep our best young minds here in Ontario.

Tuition freeze

We will immediately freeze college and university tuition for at least two years.

The Harris-Eves government raised tuition a staggering 45 percent for basic undergraduate programs and allowed tuition to skyrocket in programs such as medicine, law and engineering. We will not let this continue. We will use the two-year freeze to work with students, colleges and universities to create a long-term solution.
More assistance for students

We will improve financial help for students.

By limiting their access to student assistance, the Harris-Eves government punishes students from middle-income families, students who work to pay for their education and part-time students. We will make the Ontario Student Assistance Plan work for more students by expanding eligibility and increasing loan amounts.

Pre-paid tuition

We will offer a Pre-paid Tuition Program to make it easier for parents to save for their children’s education.

We will reward parents who plan ahead for their children’s education by guaranteeing them today’s price for tomorrow’s education.

Helping our neediest students

We will help Ontario’s neediest students with tuition waivers.

We all lose when a student cannot afford post-secondary education. Our waiver will assist with the tuition cost for the neediest 10 percent of students and help 16,000 students pursue higher education.

Ontario’s Best Workforce Starts with Excellence for All

Our plan to create North America’s best workforce starts with Excellence for All, our public education plan. We will dramatically expand affordable and high-quality early childhood education, cap class size at 20 in the early grades and make learning mandatory until age 18.
**Sharper skills for a strong economy**

Learning cannot stop at graduation. In a fast-paced global economy where change is the only constant, sharp skills are the only sure source of job security. Our message to Ontarians is simple: if you want to improve your skills, we want to help.

The Harris-Eves government was too busy fighting with the federal government to partner with them on a skills strategy for Ontario. Ontario is the only province without a Labour Market Development Agreement with the federal government. That means we lose out on directing almost $600 million a year, and suffer from needless duplication and waste.

Ontarians need and deserve a seamless and efficient 21st century system of skills training. We will negotiate an agreement to make sure they get it.
**Better skills training**

We will create a Rapid Re-employment and Training Project.

Our Rapid Re-employment and Training Project will help workers hit by layoffs and plant closures to quickly retrain and find new employment. We cannot afford to have half a million Ontarians sitting on the sidelines.

**Training tax credit**

We will create an employee training tax credit.

Training is not just for the unemployed. We will help businesses invest in upgrading the skills of their current workers.

**More apprenticeships**

We will double the number of our apprentices over five years.

We are chronically short of skilled trades people. Many young people are not aware of the rewards of being a skilled trades person. We will work with the colleges, private sector and unions to promote the trades in schools and create more learning opportunities for high-demand skills.
Expanding the winners’ circle

Too many people are being prevented from fully participating in our economy. New Ontarians are not being allowed to achieve their potential, welfare recipients face barriers to re-employment and a lack of affordable, quality childcare keeps many parents out of the workforce.

To build a strong economy, we need everyone at their best. That means the opportunity to work and the right to be treated fairly.

Lowering barriers for new Ontarians

We will put our brain gain to work.

No workforce benefits more from immigration than ours. Sixty percent of new Ontarians have post-secondary education and yet thousands face barriers to employment at their skill level. The Harris-Eves government has failed to capitalize on this brain gain. We will harness the skills and expertise of new Ontarians.

The Conference Board of Canada estimates that Canada could realize a $4.1 billion to $5.9 billion increase in annual income if new Canadians were employed to their level of training.

Access to trades and professions

We will lower barriers that prevent foreign-trained professionals and skilled workers from reaching their potential.

We will work with professional and trade associations to accelerate the entry of skilled new Ontarians into the workforce. Our goal is to eliminate major barriers within one year.
Affordable childcare

We will make sure parents have access to affordable, quality childcare.

Too many parents who want to work cannot find childcare they can trust and afford. We all lose when this happens. Our Best Start Plan will give parents the choice to work and their kids a head start.

Fair treatment for workers

We will end the Harris-Eves 60-hour work week and raise the minimum wage for the first time since 1995.

While inflation has risen almost 20 percent since 1995, minimum wage has stayed put. Instead of increasing the minimum wage, the Harris-Eves government lengthened the work week. This is unfair and counter-productive. We cannot expect Ontarians to contribute without reasonable returns. We will increase the minimum wage to $8 over four years.

Ontario Lags Behind its Competitors on Wages

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Fixing workfare  We will make workfare work.

The Harris-Eves version of workfare provides little opportunity for people to get the skills they need to find meaningful, long-term work. We expect people to take responsibility for bettering themselves. In return, we will live up to our responsibility to help them get there. We will help welfare recipients with skills training, childcare and affordable housing.

The Harris-Eves Record: Workfare that Doesn’t Work

Harris-Eves workfare does not:
- Place welfare recipients into long-term jobs/employment.
- Help those who face serious barriers to employment, such as single mothers with young children.
- Improve skills and employability so that recipients can compete in a changing labour market.
- Allow recipients the opportunity to climb out of poverty permanently.
building a more innovative economy

Innovation happens when a business uses new ideas to become more competitive. Innovative firms create good, high-paying jobs and drive economic growth in the knowledge economy.

A cluster is a concentration of key firms. Clusters of smart companies harness synergies from competition and collaboration. These synergies drive the innovation that in turn drives the economy.

Government has a role to play in fueling these key engines of growth. The Harris-Eves government never understood that. For example, by failing to go after new investment at a time when Ontario’s competitors have become much more aggressive, they put our critical auto industry at risk.

We understand that one of most important things a government can do to support clusters is to support people.

Our cluster development strategy will focus on key industries that are the source of our economic strength and future growth.
Some of Ontario’s Key Industry Clusters

**Automotive** – Ontario plants produce almost three million cars and trucks every year, second only to Michigan in output.

**Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology** – Ontario is the third-largest biotech region in North America, with thriving biotech clusters in Toronto, London and Ottawa.

**Financial Services** – Ontario’s financial services industry ranks third in North America in terms of employment, and its strong global presence relies heavily on the competitiveness of Toronto-based banks, insurance and securities companies.

**Agriculture and Food Processing** – Agriculture and food is Ontario’s second biggest industry. Represented in every region of the province, there is a strong concentration in South Western Ontario.

**Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)** – Concentrated in Toronto, Ottawa, Kitchener and Hamilton, this research and development intensive cluster is a major exporter and employs many highly skilled workers.

**Entertainment and Culture** – The entertainment cluster accounts for an estimated $1 billion of the province’s economy every year and ranks third in North America in terms of employment.

We will work with industry to grow all of these clusters, starting with our critical automotive sector.

**Gearing up: a new automotive strategy**

Auto is a vital cluster, responsible for one in six Ontario jobs. Every new assembly plant job creates seven and a half additional jobs with parts and material suppliers and support industries.

The Harris-Eves government neglected the auto industry. The results speak for themselves: we have not attracted a new assembly plant to Ontario in over a decade.
During the same time, 19 plants were located in the U.S. Investment in Mexico doubled. Our competitors won billions in new investment. The Harris-Eves government was not even in the game.

We will be there. Our aggressive investment strategy will keep our most important manufacturing industry prosperous.

Our goal is to maintain our existing industry and secure an increasing share of new auto investment, including new assembly plants. It is essential that we get our share of new investment and branch into new growth areas like research and technology.

**Attracting new investment**

**We will create an auto sector strategic investment fund.**

We will work with the industry to create innovative training and investment incentive packages that benefit all Ontarians. This fund will be flexible so we can tailor our efforts to win new investment. Depending on the assembly project, it could apply to infrastructure, training or research.

**Training for competitiveness**

**We will create innovative training programs to help workers upgrade their skills.**

We will not allow Ontario to miss out on an investment because we lack the training needed to support it.
Working as partners

We will work with the automotive industry.

Unlike the Harris-Eves government, we will partner with firms to win investments. We will maintain a solid working relationship with industry, union leaders and CEO's, both in Ontario and at international head offices.

Understanding the Industry

We will build automotive expertise in government.

The auto industry came to Ontario because of smart public policy. The Harris-Eves government undermined our capacity to develop this policy. We will develop in-house auto sector expertise that will support the industry in its efforts to bring jobs and investment to Ontario.

Sowing the seeds of innovation: globally competitive agriculture and food

Agriculture and food is Ontario's second largest industry. While many think of it as a traditional industry, it is one of the most innovative sectors of the economy.

Ontario farmers have taken advantage of new technologies and research to better compete globally, even in the face of unfair subsidies to U.S. and European farmers. We will provide farmers with fundamental financial supports and bring all the tools of success together into a competitive growth strategy.
Farm safety nets

We will get the fundamentals right, with a new generation of safety nets and a strong defence of supply management.

Ontario has the largest, most diversified agricultural industry in Canada. Our farmers need a new generation of safety nets and companion programs that better address the industry’s needs. We will work with the federal government to develop these programs and make sure that the federal and provincial financial resources are there to make them work. We will defend the supply management system that has served Ontario farmers and consumers so well.

Nutrient management assistance

We will provide financial assistance to farmers to help offset the cost of new nutrient management rules.

The Walkerton Report is clear: we need stronger nutrient management rules. We agree. We will bring in clear, comprehensive nutrient management rules to protect our drinking water. But we will ensure that farmers are not left paying the entire bill. All Ontarians will share in the benefits, so we should all help to shoulder the cost.

Ethanol and biodiesel

We will create a major new market for Ontario agricultural products by setting mandatory ethanol and biodiesel content rules for gasoline and diesel.

We will clean the air, stimulate new investment and job creation in rural Ontario and significantly expand the demand for Ontario corn and soybeans. Ontario gasoline will contain at least five percent clean-burning ethanol by 2007, and 10 percent by 2010.
Supporting research

We will make sure that Ontario stays at the forefront of world innovation in agricultural research and that this research works to help Ontario farmers.

We will work with the newly created Ontario Agricultural Research Coalition to develop a new research strategy for Ontario agriculture. This will enhance the information transfer between industry and our research institutions.

We’ve got fertile ground to sow. We rank 1st in North America for post-graduate studies in Agri-Biotech. We rank 2nd in agricultural research and development.

Food safety

We will better market the safety and quality of Ontario food products.

We will work with farm organizations, food processors and the federal government to ensure the highest safety and quality standards for our food products. We will maintain and strengthen our brand as a producer of safe, healthy, quality food.
Growing Ontario’s small businesses

Innovation turns ideas into new products, new services and new businesses. Entrepreneurs make it happen, especially in our small business community, which creates the most new jobs in Ontario.

We will do more to help small business grow.

**Low taxes**

*We will hold the line on small business taxes.*

Small business drives our economy. Ontario has among the lowest taxes for small business in North America. We will protect this advantage.

**Less paperwork**

*We will reduce the bureaucratic workload for small business.*

We will convert the Red Tape Commission to make it an agency specifically devoted to meeting the needs of small business.

**User-friendly laws**

*We will create a one-stop shopping web portal.*

This will give small business people a convenient way to learn about all the laws, rules and regulations that apply to their enterprise.
**Strengthening our innovation advantage**

Research is innovation’s incubator. Ontario has a strong research base, but we can do more when it comes to bringing this research to market.

**Supporting research**  
We will support research by supporting researchers. We will increase graduate scholarships by 50 percent.

Ontario cannot afford to lose brilliant minds to competing jurisdictions. Our faculty recruitment drive will help our research institutions attract world-class talent.

**Marketing innovation**  
We will help bring good ideas to market.

Research is only half the innovation story. The other half is bringing good ideas to market.

Learning from successful jurisdictions like Georgia, we will create a provincial research commercialization project that will support university and private sector efforts to bring new ideas to market.

### Learning From Success – Georgia’s Commercialization Project

Georgia’s economy blossomed in the 1990s because of a relentless focus on commercializing research. Through a co-operative effort between the public, private and academic sectors, Georgia leapt ahead of other jurisdictions in innovation performance, outpacing even those with larger basic research budgets.
**Strong cities**

We will support our cities.

Our cities should be breeding grounds for innovation. Strong, diverse cities attract highly skilled workers and enhance productivity. Instead of building them up, the Harris-Eves government damaged our cities, with gridlock, crumbling infrastructure and pollution now too common.

Our *Growing Strong Communities Plan*, released last year, unlocks gridlock, curbs sprawl, cleans the environment and puts more police on the street.

**Protecting our health care advantage**

We will improve our competitive advantage in health care.

Like education, our public health care system is a unique and valuable asset. It gives businesses in Ontario an enormous cost advantage and gives their workers a quality-of-life advantage.

*Public health care saves employers thousands of dollars per employee. In the U.S., employers cover 2/3rds of all health costs. That’s why it costs $2,400 less to build a car in an Ontario auto plant than it does in Michigan.*

The Harris-Eves government has jeopardized our medicare advantage by opening the door to more private health care, which means higher employee benefit costs. We will protect and improve our medicare advantage.
Trade creates jobs and grows the economy faster and better than any single economic policy. Ontario is the world’s most trade-oriented economy, with exports making up a larger percentage of our GDP than any G7 nation. We have access to the world’s largest market and are blessed with the most diverse population on the planet.

Despite our natural and created advantages, the Harris-Eves government has done little to develop our global potential. We should be winning an ever-increasing share of international investment. Instead, it is declining. International firms seeking access to the U.S. market should look to Ontario first. Instead, we are being overlooked.

We will expand our trading relationships to ensure that we attract our share of investment from around the world. And we will market Ontario’s expertise in business, finance and education, and protect our respected securities market. At the same time, we will help attract skilled talent from around the world, further increasing growth and productivity.
A secure, diverse trade environment

We will make this province a magnet for international investment by strengthening our unique ties with the U.S. and expanding trade with other economies. We will build on the strengths of our diverse population and shore up neglected infrastructure.

Building border infrastructure

We will target infrastructure funding at border crossings.

It is a sad joke that there are 15 traffic lights between Toronto and Texas, and 14 of them are in Windsor. In fact, the CAW estimates that truckers spend more time getting from Highway 401 to the U.S. border than they do clearing customs.

We will invest in necessary highway and road improvements to ensure adequate access to these critical trade links, starting with Windsor, Niagara and Sarnia.

Securing our border

We will do our part to maintain a secure border.

We will work with the federal government and the Great Lakes states to make sure our economy is not threatened by security concerns. We will do our part to help industry adopt technology that facilitates easy access to border crossings for low-risk individuals and businesses.
Expanding global trade opportunities

We will leverage our diversity to attract investment.

Our diversity offers us unique access to the world’s most established and rapidly growing economies, from Europe to India and China. We will enlist successful private sector business people with ties to growth regions abroad to act as our investment agents. Agents will be appointed on merit, not patronage, and paid according to their success at bringing new investment to Ontario.

The diplomatic advantage

We will take advantage of the more than 200 consulates and embassies in Ontario.

Through these offices, Ontario has extraordinary opportunities to build trading relationships with other countries.

Global service

We will bring the next generation of global customer-service operations to Ontario.

This industry, which is responsible for millions of jobs worldwide, is well-paying, highly skilled and technologically advanced. It is a perfect fit for our multicultural and multilingual workforce.
Marketing our schools

We will market our post-secondary expertise to the world.

Ontario’s colleges and universities are highly respected and highly marketable. We will create new markets for Ontario, especially in rapidly developing countries.

Seneca – A Leader in International Education

Seneca, Canada’s largest public college, has become a significant trainer on the international scene. It has hosted Chinese business executives who have come here to study Canadian business practices. It has joint venture agreements in China, the Pacific Rim, Mexico and South America to provide training to an international clientele.

A secure investment climate

Investors must see Ontario as a safe and secure place to invest. Last year’s performance in the U.S. equity markets served as a tough lesson for what can happen when investors lose confidence.

Tough securities regulation

We will enforce tough, transparent and fair securities regulation.

We will ensure our securities regulations maintain the confidence of investors and publicly traded companies alike.
A national securities commission

We will actively pursue the creation of a single national securities commission.

Canada does not need multiple securities commissions. They are inefficient, expensive to maintain and inhospitable to international investment. We will do everything possible to promote the creation of a single national commission based in our largest equity market, Toronto.
you have a choice

A choice between four more years of the Harris-Eves government sitting on its hands or a McGuinty Liberal government rolling up its sleeves and working to achieve our potential.

Between a tired government satisfied with the status quo or energetic leadership that will bring new investment and good jobs to Ontario.

Between a government that poorly manages your hard-earned tax dollars or one that guarantees a better return on your investment.

Choose change. Choose to achieve our potential.

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