



## **Kwantlen Student Association urges its members to get out and vote this Tuesday.**

*But, unlike some student associations in BC, the KSA will not endorse the NDP*

**Surrey BC** - The Kwantlen Student Association (KSA) respects political diversity and will not endorse any political party during the provincial election. KSA members support all three major political parties, and it would be inappropriate for the student association to disenfranchise or misrepresent any of its members by publicly supporting - or opposing - any particular political party.

**Students will certainly be considering the parties' platforms when going to the polls this Tuesday.** The BC Liberal Party should be congratulated for their leadership in making U-Pass a central issue in their post-secondary platform. The Green Party has clearly resonated with many students for their platform promise to reduce tuition fees by 20% over 4 years. The NDP have promised an increase to the minimum wage, which would help many struggling students attend university or college. The KSA is urging students to carefully consider education when they go to the polls Tuesday, but is committed to working constructively with whoever wins the election.

**“Students should consider all of the parties’ platforms carefully when they go to the polls this Tuesday.”** said Derek Robertson, KSA Director of External Affairs. **“The Canadian Federation of Students-BC’s thinly shrouded support of the NDP is inappropriate and an insult to the political diversity of Kwantlen students.”**

The KSA has an active on-campus campaign (including free t-shirts, pamphlets, posters, free food) to help get out the vote, and is hosting a “Beer-o-crazy” election-returns party on the Surrey campus with contests, games and prizes.

Media are welcome to attend.



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The Kwantlen Student Association represents over 18,000 students enrolled at the four Metro Vancouver campuses of Kwantlen Polytechnic University and is Local 26 of the Canadian Federation of Students, the Canadian Federation of Students – Services, and the Canadian Federation of Students – BC.

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