



## Vote for Climate Action

The reality of the climate crisis is evident. From flooding to wildfires to extreme heat – these issues are impacting our kids and our classrooms.

Uncertainty about the future of our planet is causing anxiety for both kids and adults.

We must work to ensure that Canada remains a liveable country, allowing our youngest citizens to thrive well into the future.

“Youths can influence adults and governments, but the weight of the change needed should not be on the shoulders of the youth/next generation”.

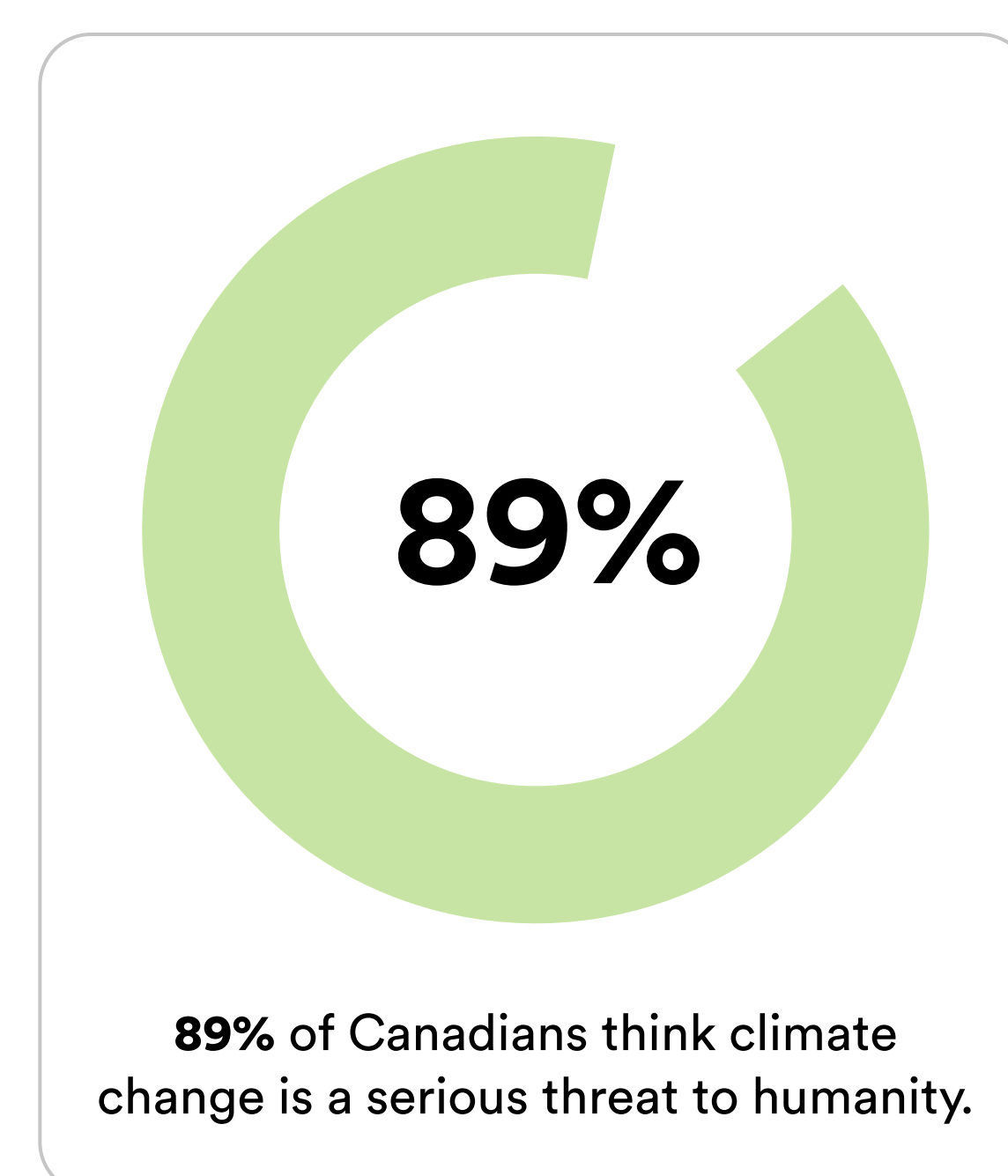
– Survey respondent (*Canadians’ Perspectives on Climate Change Education: 2022*)

“[Climate change] affects the way I think about what I eat, what I wear and buy, my transportation, my future career and family and housing, and how I spend my leisure time. I think about it at least once a day.”

– Canadian youth (UNICEF Canada, U-Reporter, *The future is NOW: The Environment and Children's Well-Being in Canada, 2022*)

## Call to Action

The Canadian Teachers’ Federation (CTF/FCE) calls on every political party and leader to prioritize children and youth by taking decisive action on climate change to foster a cleaner economy. This includes applying “green strings” to all federal funding to protect future generations, increasing funding for green infrastructure, and investing in renewable energy and training.



## The Facts

- In 2023, 89% of Canadians thought climate change is a serious threat to humanity, compared to the global average of 86% (*Our World in Data, March 2024*).
- In a *2023 study commissioned by Earth Rangers*, 25% of children said they are “very worried” about climate change, whereas 32% of children said they are “very hopeful” about the future of the planet.





- While climate change education has increased since 2019, a **2022 Learning for a Sustainable Future study** found a large majority (64%) believe the education system should be doing “a lot more” in educating youth about climate change. Only 34% of educators feel they have the knowledge and skills needed to teach climate change while 64% require more training, resources and support for climate change learning.
- According to a **2022 UNICEF Canada report**, Canada ranks 28th among 39 rich countries in the overall environmental well-being of children and youth.
- “...Young people most commonly report feeling afraid (66%), sad (65%), anxious (63%), helpless (58%), and powerless (56%)” (**Abacus Data, 2023**).

## Ask your Candidate

- Does your party commit to investing in green infrastructure, investing in renewable energy, training for the clean energy transition, and ensuring that environmental considerations and conditions are placed on all future federal spending? If yes, please provide details. If no, why?
- Tell us about any of your party’s policies that you believe align with the CTF/FCE’s election priorities regarding taking decisive action on climate change.

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### About the Canadian Teachers’ Federation (CTF/FCE)

Founded in 1920, the **CTF/FCE** is a national alliance of provincial and territorial teachers’ organizations that represent over 370,000 teachers and education workers across Canada. The CTF/FCE is also an affiliate of Education International, which represents more than 33-million educators.

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