



## **Hospital Provincial Negotiating Team Candidate Article**

**Name: Laura Hanninen**

**Nominee For: Region 5 Part-Time Representative**

My fellow ONA members, I submit to you that healthcare as we know it, is changing rapidly. Whether we want to admit it or not, we must adapt and force our Employers to do the same. Currently, our best tool to ensure that our rights are protected and enforced in this fluctuating landscape is our collective agreement. While we wait on the outcome of the last contract, the work on our future must continue. There is no time for us to slack because healthcare never stops and neither can we.

I hope to bring the voice of the rural nurse to the Central table. Our needs and concerns are different and having a candidate who is familiar with the diverse issues of rural and remote nurses and health care providers will provide a more inclusive and progressive lens to this contract. I support the return of public funds to the publicly funded health care system we all pay into as Ontarians and deserve access to regardless of geographic location. I will advocate for safe staffing ratios because we need to improve our working conditions, increase patient safety and decrease violence in our work environments. I will listen to you, the members. I work with you, I stand with you and I will fight for you.

In this time of great uncertainty, we must band together as an army of healthcare professionals ready to stand united to stop the erosion of our benefits, work environment, safety and rights.

Laura Hanninen

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**Signature of Nominee**