

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, the Minister of Education, and the Members of Provincial Parliament:

WHEREAS parents and guardians have a fundamental and well-established role and responsibility in directing the education, upbringing, and moral development of their children;

AND WHEREAS transparency, informed consent, and consistent communication between schools and families are essential to student well-being, parental confidence, and public accountability in the education system;

AND WHEREAS instruction and practices relating to gender identity, sexual orientation, and human sexuality are sensitive in nature and may engage matters of conscience, religious belief, family values, and a child's age and stage of development;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no clear, province-wide statutory requirement ensuring timely parental notification and consent when such subject matter is introduced or when school staff are asked to take actions related to a student's asserted gender identity;

AND WHEREAS inconsistent policies and practices across school boards have resulted in uncertainty for parents, educators, and students alike;

THEREFORE, WE THE UNDERSIGNED PETITION THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Government of Ontario require school authorities to provide advance written notification to parents or guardians and obtain explicit opt-in consent before a student is included in any course, program of study, instructional material, instruction, or exercise that deals primarily and explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation, or human sexuality;
2. That school authorities be required to notify parents or guardians without delay when a student requests that teachers, principals, or other school staff refer to them by a preferred name or pronouns related to gender identity;
3. That teachers, principals, and other school staff be prohibited from using a new preferred name or pronouns related to gender identity for a student until parental notification has occurred, and, in the case of students under sixteen (16) years of age, until explicit parental consent has been obtained;
4. That learning and teaching resources which deal primarily and explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation, or human sexuality be subject to review and approval by the Minister of Education to ensure consistency, age-appropriateness, and compliance with provincial standards, except where such resources are used exclusively for religious instruction in accordance with constitutionally protected denominational or faith-based education rights;
5. That the Government of Ontario establish clear, consistent, and province-wide policies to ensure parental notification, consent, and transparency in these matters across all publicly funded school boards.

AND THAT THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECT TO THESE REQUESTS.

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