

TALKING POINTS FOR PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

What is lacking in the Wynne curriculum that should be addressed by Premier Ford's new sex ed

Condemn pornography unequivocally

The Wynne sex ed curriculum never once mentioned pornography and never, ever condemned it. The curriculum is completely silent on this immense danger to children.

I view this deliberate silence as suspicious, given that the former Deputy Education Minister, Benjamin Levin, under whom the curriculum was written, plead guilty to child pornography and paedophilia-related crimes.

Did the Wynne/Levin curriculum avoid condemning pornography because Levin himself wanted children to get hooked on porn, as he instructed other apparent child molesters to do? In fact, parental rights organizations have pointed out that the Wynne curriculum is actually pro-pornography because it encourages children to masturbate. It is a fact that pornographic materials are consumed for the purpose of masturbation.

The new sex ed curriculum should condemn pornography clearly and unambiguously as something that students should never, ever watch or consume, whether on tv, online or in print magazines. The message should be explicitly stated that "Pornography is bad and you should never watch it".

At an age-appropriate level, students should also be provided with the social, emotional, and medical harms of pornography use. Just some of these harms include:

- Pornography is highly addictive and builds new "brain maps" for what users find sexy, often leading to the consumption of increasingly more violent porn and child porn, in order to get the same "kick". It is responsible for causing the breakdown of marriages and the tearing apart of families. In fact, 10% of 12-13 yr olds who have been exposed to porn say that they became addicted.
- In a survey of the most popular pornographic films, it was found that 88% contained physical aggression, 49% contained verbal aggression and that most targets of aggression were female.
- Decreases grey matter in the brain, decreases academic performance.
- Erectile function is found to be 30% less amongst porn users than non-users.

It should also be explained to students that pornography is immoral because it objectifies and exploits women, violates human dignity, and reduces the sexual act to mere pleasure devoid of love.