

TALKING POINTS FOR PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

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

Medical risks of anal sex

The Wynne/Levin sex curriculum makes a concerted effort to portray anal sex as being no more unhealthy than regular vaginal intercourse. This reckless, ideologically-driven portrayal puts children's lives at risk, and encourages experimentation with the unhealthy practice.

The topic of anal sex should be moved up into high school, perhaps Grade 12, and the curriculum must warn children with some details about the medical risks and harms of anal sex. Those risks include:

Up to 430x greater risk of contracting HIV/AIDS than vaginal intercourse, which, in spite of modern antiretroviral drugs remains today a uniformly fatal disease.

The list of diseases found with extraordinary frequency amongst practitioners of anal intercourse is alarming:

- anal cancer
- Chlamydia trachomatis
- Cryptosporidium
- giardia lamblia
- herpes simplex virus
- human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
- human papilloma virus
- isospora belli
- microsporidia
- gonorrhea
- viral hepatitis types B and C
- syphilis.

Students should also be warned that leakage of fecal material can easily become chronic, and that anal intercourse presents a 3000% higher risk for anal cancer as compared with vaginal intercourse.

In the context of Catholic schools, such a curriculum lesson must be careful not to undermine Catholic moral teaching. Therefore, a lesson on the topic of medical risks for anal sex must make it abundantly clear to students that such activity is never licit according to Catholic teaching, and that it presents both physical and spiritual danger.