TALKING POINTS FOR PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

What must be Deleted or Changed in Kathleen Wynne's controversial sex ed curriculum

Anal Sex (Grade 7 lesson)

Under the pretext of encouraging abstinence from behaviors associated with high risk for STDs, the curriculum uses a sleight of hand to sneakily <u>introduce to children the concepts of "anal intercourse" and "oral sex"</u>.

Those are ideas that many of these 12-13 year old kids might not be aware of, or at least, have never seriously considered as an act they could be taking part in now.

In another sleight of hand, "anal intercourse" is lumped in as a sexual act of the same kind as vaginal intercourse, with no differentiation between the two types of acts, either morally or with respect to risk for sexually transmitted disease, for which the former carries a dramatically higher risk.

Kathleen Wynne's sex curriculum irresponsibly hides from children the fact that anal sex carries a 3000% higher risk for contracting anal cancer and a 430 times higher risk for contracting HIV/AIDS.

By claiming that this curriculum lesson was about encouraging kids to "delay" these high risk sexual activities, the Liberals may have hoped that casual readers wouldn't notice that what has actually occurred is that the teacher has planted ideas in the minds of children that might not otherwise be present, regarding "anal intercourse" and "oral sex".

Subtly, a suggestion has been planted which students may perceive as: "these are activities some children your age are engaged in, and that they are no more risky than normal vaginal intercourse". That's a dangerous, abusive suggestion.

Anal intercourse is not an activity to which the government should be giving any semblance of approval whatsoever. It is the most efficient method of transmitting the AIDS virus, so much so, that despite all the "safe sex" and condom education over the past 40 years, epidemiologists still predict that 50% of men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM) will eventually contract HIV.

In fact, the Ontario government's chief epidemiologist publishes a report on the spread of HIV every 4 years. In the most recent study, collecting data between 2005 to 2008, <u>it found</u> that almost 1 in 4 MSM who live in Toronto (21.9%), are currently infected with HIV.

If the government's going to talk about anal sex at all, it should be in high school and the message should be: "That's a risky, potentially fatal activity. Don't do it".

The curriculum makes no mention that anal intercourse, in the context of male-on-male sex, leads directly to the death of a large percentage of those who practice it, and is generally unhealthy for all practitioners.

People have a right to know about serious health risks before they choose to engage in it. Withholding such vital information is an inexcusable moral failure that puts lives at risk.

In fact, Kathleen Wynne's sex-ed curriculum leaves 12 and 13 year olds with a distinct impression that "communicating clearly with each other when making decisions" is all that's required for this activity to be "responsible and safe". That is very far from the truth.

I demand you leave discussions of Anal Sex (and oral sex) out of the elementary school curriculum.