TALKING POINTS FOR PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

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

Making personal plans for sexual activity (Grade 7 lesson)

On <u>page 215-216</u> of the Wynne/Levin sex curriculum, it encourages children to "make a personal plan... about sexual activity" and to stick to your plan.

To a lot of parents, reading a curriculum suggestion for grade 8 kids in which the teacher is to help students make a sexual plan for themselves crosses the line. This is an opening that a sexual predator in the teaching industry could abuse.

Is it age-appropriate to suggest to grade 8 kids, as young as 13, that they should make a plan in which they decide how far they're willing to go with sexual activity, and then "stick to what I had planned"?

I feel this has an undertone that is too sexually permissive and is giving license to promiscuity. Keep in mind that at this age, children cannot legally give consent. It may actually be illegal for adults to instruct underage children to have sex, so it should not be in an elementary school curriculum.

This type of lesson, as well as another teacher prompt on <u>page 216</u> encouraging Grade 8 kids to "get information from a credible source before making a decision about being sexually active" risks sending the message to children that "we expect you may be having sex, or will be very soon".

This type of sex ed lesson presents promiscuity as normal, and puts additional pressure on youth to become sexually active before they might otherwise do so. After all, the teacher is talking like these kids are about to do it.

In addition, the sexually-permissive tone of this lesson is disrespectful towards traditionally-principled Christian families and those of other faiths who try to teach their children the virtue of chastity until marriage. The curriculum fails to acknowledge that for some families, "the sexual plan" is provided by God, in holy matrimony.