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Dear Parents,

During the Leadership contest, I pledged to lead an Ontario PC Party of thoughtful consideration. That is why in preparation for the general election in 2018, we have launched our most ambitious policy consultation in party history, **www.ForOntario.ca**, to give you a voice in every area of our platform.

It is my belief that as parents, you must be consulted on any fundamental change to a curriculum that directly affects your children. The Wynne Liberal government has ignored parents and introduced a sex-ed curriculum without proper consultation.

I believe parents are the primary educators of their children. When it comes to sexual health education, parents should have a say on how much their children are taught, and at what age.

I remain committed to principles I articulated during the leadership: Parents should be given advance notice of subjects taught and have access to materials used, so they can decide if their child is ready; and every parent has the right to withdraw their child from the classroom, at their discretion, without penalty or repercussion.

Upon being elected, a PC Government would scrap the controversial changes to sex-ed introduced by Premier Wynne and develop a new curriculum after thoughtful and full consultation with parents. Unlike the present government, which has focused on this one issue, a PC government will develop a well-rounded curriculum that will strengthen reading, writing, mathematics and other skills that will prepare them to succeed in the real world.

I believe sex-ed is important, but it cannot be significantly changed without extensively consulting the primary educators of children, who have always been parents.

Regards,

Patrick Brown Leader of the Ontario PC Party