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Thank you very much for your correspondence on behalf of The Ontario Association for the Support of Physical and Health Educators regarding sexual health education in Ontario schools. I appreciate the time you took to share the views of your organization.

I want to assure you that the well-being of our students is of great importance to our government, and we believe that well-educated and healthy students are vital to the success of our province. We value the full range of diversity among our province's students and aim to create safe, inclusive and accepting school environments in which our young people can thrive.

Sexual health education has been a part of the Ontario school curriculum for more than 40 years. My colleagues and I remain committed to additional engagement with our education partners as the Ministry of Education continues to review the human development and sexual health component of the Health and Physical Education curricula. We regard this input as an important step in improving students' academic success and overall well-being.

Decisions about the process and timing of activities have not been finalized at this time but more information will be shared publicly as it becomes available.

I note that you have also sent a copy of your correspondence to my colleague the Honourable Liz Sandals, Minister of Education. I trust that she will also give your concerns her consideration.

Once again, thank you for writing to me. Please accept my best wishes.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario

c: The Honourable Liz Sandals

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