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# 25 septembre

Après plus de 16 ans à « chroniquer » dans ce journal, j'en arrive à la conclusion que personne ne m'écoute. On me lit, mais on ne m'écoute pas. Ou on ne me prend pas au sérieux, c'est la même chose.

Qu'est-ce qui me chicote encore ce matin, vous demandez-vous ? C'est une nouvelle publiée en page six de notre édition d'hier. Une bonne nouvelle. Une très bonne nouvelle. Voici ce qu'on titrait : Le Jour des Franco-Ontariens officialisé par Queen's Park.

Dans ce texte, on apprend que les élus à Toronto ont adopté à l'unanimité un projet de loi provincial qui fait du 25 septembre le Jour des Franco-Ontariens.

« C'est-tu pas beautiful, ça ? », demanderait Oncle Tom des Têtes à claques. Enfin une journée pour souligner la contribution de la communauté francoontarienne à l'essor de la province. Une journée pour célébrer nos victoires et crier haut et fort notre appartenance et notre fierté. Notre place, notre journée. Enfin.

« Alors si t'es content, le chroniqueur, qu'est-ce qui te chicote ? », je vous entends me demander. Pourquoi répondrais-je à cette question ? Je perdrais mon temps, vous ne m'écoutez pas que je viens de vous dire.

Bon d'accord. Je vais vous le dire quand même. Voici ce qu'on peut lire dans le texte en question :

« Le projet de loi avait d'abord été proposé par l'Assemblée de la francophonie de l'Ontario (AFO), puis repris par la ministre déléguée aux Affaires francophones, Madeleine Meilleur, et finalement, adopté à l'unanimité par le gouvernement et tous les partis de l'opposition à l'Assemblée législative, hier (lundi) après-midi. »

C'est ce qu'on peut lire. Que l'idée d'une Journée des Franco-Ontariens, le 25 septembre, a été lancée par l'AFO et que la ministre Meilleur a capté le ballon et couru pour un touché.

Donc chapeau à l'AFO, chapeau à Mme Meilleur, chapeau à tous. Ceci dit... Je vous ramène à une certaine chronique écrite par votre humble serviteur que vous n'écoutez pas et publiée le 25 novembre, 2005, il y a plus de quatre ans. Voici ce que j'écrivais dans une « lettre » adressée à l'ancienne Commissaire aux langues officielles du Canada, Dyane Adam:

«...les Québécois ont leur Fête nationale en juin et les Acadiens ont leur Fête nationale en août.

« Alors ma question est celle-ci : c'est pour quand la Fête « nationale des Franco-Ontariens » ? Auriez-vous une réponse à cette question, Mme la Commissaire Adam? Pouvez-vous faire quelque chose ? Si les Québécois et les Acadiens ont leur « journée », pourquoi pas nous ?

« On pourrait choisir la date du 25 septembre. Ce serait parfait.

« Pourquoi le 25 septembre ? Parce que le 25 septembre 1975, le tout premier drapeau francoontarien a été hissé à Sudbury. Voilà.

« Alors à vous de jouer, Mme Adam. Faisons du 25 septembre la Journée des Franco-Ontariens. J'ai tellement confiance en vous, Mme la Commissaire, que j'indique tout de suite cette date sur mon calendrier 2006. »

Ça fait depuis 2005 que je demande que la journée du 25 septembre soit officiellement reconnue comme la Journée des Franco-Ontariens !!

Mais m'a-t-on écouté ? Bien sûr que non. Qu'est-ce ce que je vous disais en entrée en matière ? Vous me lisez, mais vous ne m'écoutez pas.

Mais enfin... tout est bien qui finit bien. Nous, les Francos, avons enfin notre « journée »... grâce à l'AFO et Madeleine Meilleur.

Je devrais me présenter comme député provincial. On m'écouterait peut-être.

« Halakoupe » ?

Changement de sujet et changement de province...

Dites-moi que ce n'est pas vrai. Dites-moi que les Canadiens de Montréal ne parviendront pas à éliminer les puissants Capitals de Washington ce soir. Je ne pourrais pas le prendre.

Je ne pourrais pas prendre les railleries et les moqueries de mon collègue du bureau voisin, Mathieu Bélanger. Ni les railleries et les moqueries de mon ami Philippe Dupuy, du restaurant le Saint Ô. Ni les railleries et les moqueries du collègue à la publicité, Denis Laflamme. Et c'est sans parler des railleries et des moqueries des centaines de lecteurs et partisans du CH — les « yahoos » que je les appelle affectueusement — qui prennent un malin plaisir à m'écrire quand ça va mal chez les Sénateurs et que ça va mieux chez la Sainte-Flanelle. Je ne pourrais pas le prendre. Mais juste au cas Salomon, prépare-toi. Juste au cas où le miracle Halak se reproduise et que le CH gagne ce soir, prépare-toi mon vieil

ordi. Les « yahoos » vont te bombarder de courriels. Ce sera pire que le bombardement de rondelles sur Halak. Je te le dis Salomon, ils sont fous, ces « yahoos ».

Et ils m'écoutent, eux !

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Au terme d'une longue réunion, le Bureau des gouverneurs a approuvé la demande de l'administration centrale, qui recommandait une hausse globale de 4,3 % des frais de scolarité, en deçà du plafond de 5 % imposé par le gouvernement de l'Ontario.

Pour la majorité des étudiants de premier cycle, les coûts de leur année d'études passeront donc d'environ 5000 \$ à 5200 \$, en plus des frais d'accessoires, qui s'établissaient à un peu plus de 600 \$ cette année, tout dépendant de la discipline. La note est toutefois plus salée pour les nouveaux étudiants en droit, en médecine, en génie et en gestion, qui font face à une hausse de 8 % pour 2010-2011. Même scénario pour les nouveaux étudiants à la maîtrise ou au doctorat.

Les gouverneurs se sont toutefois accordé un droit de réserve, alors que le budget 2010-2011 doit être déposé à la fin du mois de mai. Plusieurs membres autour de la table, hier soir, ont signalé vouloir revoir l'ensemble des coupures proposées dans le prochain exercice financier, spécialement dans le cadre du rapport sur « l'optimisation des ressources », contesté par la plupart des syndicats de l'Ud'O.

Pour le commissaire à l'externe de l'Association des étudiants diplômés, Gaétan-Philippe Beaulière, ce droit de réserve n'est pas garant d'un changement de position et ne constitue pas une lueur d'espoir. « Si les membres du Bureau des gouverneurs étaient vraiment contre (la hausse des droits de scolarité), ils auraient voté contre. Ils n'osent pas remettre en question ce que l'administration centrale

dit. Même si l'administration leur demande de prendre une décision à l'aveugle. Ils doivent augmenter les droits de scolarité sans savoir qu'est-ce qu'on va faire avec cet argent-là, argue-t-il. Mais il n'est jamais trop tard pour que les membres du Bureau des gouverneurs se réveillent ».

Ce dernier et le président de la Fédération des étudiants de l'Ud'O, Seamus Wolfe, se sont d'ailleurs livrés à une éloquente joute oratoire avec les membres de l'administration, le recteur Allan Rock et le vice-recteur aux ressources Victor Simon en tête.

« C'est indécent de piger dans la poche des étudiants pour régler des problèmes de déficits structurels de l'Université. Depuis 2002, les frais de scolarité ont augmenté de 36 %. C'est tout simplement inacceptable. C'est une tactique de peur (de la part de l'administration de l'Ud'O). Si on n'augmente pas les droits de scolarité, ce sera l'hécatombe, ça ne va pas être viable », ajoute M. Beaulière.

Les quelques dizaines d'étudiants qui ont pris d'assaut la salle du Sénat partageaient visiblement son avis, n'hésitant pas à scander « honte » à maintes reprises au cours de la réunion d'hier.

De son côté, le recteur Allan Rock a déploré l'adoption tardive des droits de scolarité, une question habituellement débattue à l'automne. L'Ud'O se défend d'avoir dû attendre la confirmation de Queen's Park avant de procéder. Le recteur a également souligné que les recommandations de l'administration vont dans le même sens que les autres universités ontariennes.

Déficit moindre



Par ailleurs, le déficit anticipé de 25 millions \$ à l'Ud'O pourrait être moindre que prévu. « Nous avons enregistré un plus grand nombre d'étudiants que prévu et les états financiers par intérim ont démontré une amélioration de notre position. On s'attend à ce que le déficit soit moins (lourd) qu'anticipé. Les détails seront exposés lors du budget à la fin mai », a confirmé le recteur.

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# LE SALON SANTÉ EN FRANÇAIS ATTEND LES FRANCO- ONTARIENS

Ouvert hier, les activités du premier salon Votre santé en français se poursuit aujourd'hui, de 10 h à 17 h, au Centre municipal d'Ottawa. Cet événement qui s'adresse à la communauté francophone de l'Est de l'Ontario rassemble 106 exposants. De nombreux professionnels de la santé et de secteurs connexes sont sur place pour répondre aux questions du public. « L'objectif du salon est d'informer la population francophone des services en français qui s'offrent à eux. Ça représente toujours un défi pour plusieurs personnes de trouver les services adaptés à leurs besoins. On attend toujours d'être malade avant de chercher pour les services alors que c'est à ce moment-là que nous sommes les plus vulnérables », explique Jeanne-Hélène Tardivel, directrice générale de Montfort Renaissance et porte-parole du salon Votre Santé en français. Sur la photo, dans l'ordre habituel, Jeanne-Hélène Tardivel, la directrice de la société Santé en français, Claudine Cote, Linda Assard-Butcher de La Cité collégiale et Jacinthe Desaulniers, directrice générale du Réseau des services de santé en français de l'Est de l'Ontario.

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## Savoir « vendre » sa région

Savoir vendre sa région, c'est dans notre nature. Je connais peu de gens d'ici qui ne trouvent pas de bons arguments pour vanter les mérites de la région de la Capitale nationale.

### Certaines personnes invitent bien plus que la parenté à venir séjourner chez nous

Mais certaines personnes vont plus loin et invitent bien plus que la parenté à venir séjourner chez nous.

Et à chaque année, Tourisme Outaouais honore ces gens d'ici

qui ont attiré des réunions, des congrès ou des événements chez nous.

Cette semaine, cinq nouveaux ambassadeurs ont été intronisés au sein de ce groupe sélect.

Il s'agit de Marc Bureau, Michel Careau, Henri Côté, Elisabeth Duncan et Réjean Gauvreau.

«Nos Ambassadeurs contribuent non seulement au rayonnement et au positionnement de l'Outaouais comme destination touristique, mais aussi, à la santé et la vitalité de notre économie régionale».

confiait la présidente du conseil d'administration de Tourisme Outaouais, Louise Boudrias.

À chaque année, des milliers de congressistes et d'athlètes se réunissent en Outaouais et génèrent des retombées économiques de plusieurs millions de dollars qui bénéficient à l'ensemble de la région.

Le Club Ambassadeurs vise justement à récompenser les efforts de ceux et celles qui facilitent la tenue de ces événements en Outaouais.

### Au mérite municipal

Par ailleurs, la Ville de Gatineau a présenté trois candida-

tures au Mérite municipal, un concours organisé par le ministère des Affaires municipales.

Ces candidatures sont un jeune gatinois ingénieux, un employé inventif et un projet innovateur.

Les candidatures sont Sébastien Chénier, un élève du secondaire qui, à l'âge de 17 ans, a créé un petit moteur fonctionnant à l'éthanol cellulosique et qui lui a permis de remporter les honneurs d'Expo Sciences nationale. Louis Roy, un employé du Service des travaux publics de la Ville de Gatineau qui a inventé une vanne modulante qui permet de maintenir la pression d'eau dans le réseau d'aqueduc lors de bris.

Enfin, le programme de défilés externes automatisés (DEA) est aussi en nomination.

Ce programme est le résultat de la collaboration entre les employés du Service de sécurité incendie de Gatineau, la Commission Gatineau, Ville en santé et de la Fondation Michel-Petit. Le programme a équipé tous les arénas de notre ville de DEA en 2006 et tous les véhicules du Service de sécurité incendie en 2009. De plus, il a permis d'offrir de la formation à plusieurs employés et à de nombreux citoyens.

Le nom des lauréats sera dévoilé lors d'une cérémonie qui se déroulera à l'Assemblée nationale au début de juin.

### » EN BREF

#### BÉNÉVOLES DE L'ANNÉE

Les commissaires de la Commission scolaire des Portages de l'Outaouais ont honoré 13 bénévoles qui œuvrent quotidiennement dans les établissements de la CSPO.

Un comité a été mandaté pour déterminer, parmi les 13 candidatures reçues, la récipiendaire du Prix du Bénévole CSPO 2010. Le titre a été remis à **Diane Daigle**, bénévole de l'école de la Vallée-des-Voyageurs. Consciente qu'il existait une lacune au niveau de l'organisation des activités pour les jeunes, cette dernière occupe un poste clé au sein de l'organisme qui a favorisé un partenariat entre l'école et la communauté. En plus de participer activement à la planification et la mise en œuvre des activités, M<sup>me</sup> Daigle siège à différents comités tels l'Organisme de participation des parents de l'école, Québec en forme, le Comité de recrutement pour le camp de jour et est responsable de plusieurs demandes de subvention qui ont permis aux élèves de participer à une panoplie d'activités à un coût moindre.

#### BELLE SOIRÉE À LA NOUVELLE SCÈNE

La soirée-bénéfice de La Nouvelle Scène qui s'est déroulée le 20 avril dernier a permis d'amasser plus de 20 000 \$.

En plus d'assister à l'avant-première de la pièce *À la Défense des moustiques albins*, écrite par **Mercé Sarias** et coproduite par le Théâtre de la Vieille 17 et le Théâtre Sortie de Secours, les gens présents ont pu participer à un encan silencieux et entendre la musique du guitariste **Servantes** durant le cocktail d'après-midi qui précède la présentation de la pièce à la Salle

#### Caisses Desjardins.

À noter que la collecte de fonds annuelle est toujours en cours et qu'il est possible d'effectuer un don en ligne à [www.nouvellescene.com](http://www.nouvellescene.com) ou par téléphone au 613-241-2727, poste 1.

#### DE BELLES TÊTES

Des étudiants du Cégep de l'Outaouais organisent, aujourd'hui, une activité afin de venir en aide à Leucan Outaouais.

Les organisateurs **Renaud Bonenfant**, **Piry-Anne Beaupré**, **Marikosa Lafontaine-Boyer**, **Adèle Mauthès-Lebel** ainsi que **Marc-André S. Bastien** organisent donc un Défi têtes rasées, de 9 h à 15 h, au campus Gabrielle-Roy, dans le salon Bleu.

Les personnes intéressées à prendre part au Défi peuvent s'inscrire ce matin, avant le début de l'événement. Le groupe d'étudiants, qui ont organisé ce Défi dans le cadre du cours Apprentissage efficace et stratégique, espère recueillir 5000 \$.

#### ÉTUDIANTS ENGAGÉS

Deux bénévoles de Parlons sciences, **Marc Chamberland** et **Natalie Andrews**, ont récemment été reconnus parmi plus de 1800 bénévoles de l'organisme pour leur engagement communautaire envers la sensibilisation aux sciences et leurs approches innovatrices visant à stimuler l'intérêt aux sciences chez les jeunes.

Marc, un étudiant au doctorat en physique médicale de 26 ans de l'Université Carleton, a reçu le prix national du Bénévole de l'année 2010 pour son approche unique et innovatrice envers l'éducation en sciences et son dévouement à rejoindre les élèves en régions éloignées. Durant les trois dernières

années, il a visité de nombreuses écoles primaires et secondaires dans la région d'Ottawa, ainsi qu'en régions rurales telles que Longlac et Hearst, Ontario, et à l'île de Baffin, Nunavut, pour démystifier les sciences à l'aide d'activités pratiques et de présentations dans les salles de classes.

Quant à Natalie, une étudiante à la maîtrise en biochimie de 23 ans de l'Université d'Ottawa, elle a reçu le prix Synapse des Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada (IRSC) 2010 pour avoir développé une activité reliée à la santé qui s'est avérée incroyablement populaire et innovatrice. Elle a mis sur pied une visite interactive des laboratoires du Centre de cancérologie de l'Institut de recherche de l'Hôpital d'Ottawa (IRHO) pour les étudiants de 11e et 12e année afin de leur permettre de découvrir la recherche en cancérologie. Plus de 250 étudiants ont déjà visité les laboratoires et participé à des ateliers pratiques basés sur la recherche menée par les chercheurs de l'institut.

Parlons sciences est un organisme national à but non lucratif qui travaille à la sensibilisation aux sciences et qui développe des programmes d'éducation en sciences et offre des services qui stimulent l'intérêt aux sciences chez les jeunes. Plus de 1800 étudiants diplômés bénévoles de 30 universités et collèges à travers le Canada contribuent à la sensibilisation de plus de 100 000 jeunes aux sciences chaque année.

#### CINÉMABOULE

CinémaBoule, le ciné-club de la Petite-Nation présentera le 1<sup>er</sup> mai, à 20 h, au Théâtre des Quatre Sœurs, à Saint-André-Avellin, le tout récent film québécois intitulé *Lucidité passagère*. Réalisé par quatre jeunes, soit



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#### UNE PROMESSE

La campagne de financement de la Fondation de l'hôpital Montfort va bon train et récemment, Gilles Desjardins, du Groupe Brigil, remplissait une promesse faite à Christine Sigouin, présidente de la Fondation. En effet, M. Desjardins a remis le dernier versement d'une promesse totale de 10 000 \$.

**Fabrice Barrillet**, **Nicolas Bolduc**, **Julien Knafo** et **Marie Hélène Thibaudeau**, le film est une adaptation d'une pièce de théâtre de **Martin Thibaudeau**. On y retrouve quatre personnages dans la trentaine qui sont tour à tour, et chacun à sa façon, confrontés à leur propre quête de vérité.

La projection sera suivie d'une rencontre avec l'acteur **Daniel Parent**, qui a grandi en Outaouais et dont la famille réside à Saint-André-Avellin.

#### CHASSE AUX MONTAGNES NOIRES

La troupe communautaire du Théâtre des montagnes noires présentera le 30 avril et 1<sup>er</sup> mai, à la salle communautaire de Ripon, sa nouvelle production intitulée *Le temps d'une chasse*, une comédie de l'auteur **Madeleine Coté**, dans une mise en scène de **Almond Bullock**.

Tous les profits de ces soirées seront versés à la Banque alimentaire de la Petite-Nation. Les spectateurs sont également invités à apporter une denrée non périssable. Un forfait souper-théâtre au restaurant La Chouette est également disponible pour la représentation du 1<sup>er</sup> mai. La pièce sera aussi présentée le 11 et 12 juin, à Papineauville. Pour information, contactez le 819-983-2911 ou le site [www.theatredesmontagnesnoires.org](http://www.theatredesmontagnesnoires.org).

#### AU GALA ARTIS

Il y avait une saveur outaouaise lors du numéro d'ouverture du Gala Artis, qui nous a présenté des artistes de partout au Québec. Pour le court passage en Outaouais, c'est devant le musée des civilisations que la caméra a été installée.

C'est la chanteuse **Bianca Pittoors** et sa fille de 9 ans **Nina Pittoors-McMahon** qui nous ont représentés.

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# La Loi 242 adoptée

## Ontario

Le gouvernement de l'Ontario a officialisé, hier, avec l'adoption de la loi 242, son intention d'offrir à tous les enfants d'âge préscolaire la maternelle à temps plein. L'intégration des services de garde aux classes de maternelle commencera le 1er septembre prochain.

« La mise en oeuvre de ce système cohérent donnera à nos enfants un meilleur départ et facilitera la vie à leurs parents très occupés », a affirmé la ministre de l'Éducation, Leona Dombrowsky.

Les conseils scolaires francophones de l'Ontario possèdent déjà leur propre modèle, et il fonctionne très bien, croit pour sa part la porte-parole de l'opposition au NPD, France Gélinas. « Le gouvernement est arrivé avec ses gros sabots, sans tenir compte de ce qui se passe dans la francophonie », a-t-elle déclarée au Droit, hier. Le directeur de l'éducation du Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO), François Benoît, juge que la mise en place d'un modèle unique était inévitable. Le projet du gouvernement de l'Ontario aura pour effet de modifier le ratio enseignant/ élèves dans les classes des établissements francophones, le faisant passer d'un pour 20, à un professeur, accompagné d'une éducatrice, pour 26 élèves.

Cette nouvelle demande de professionnels de l'éducation créera à coup sûr une pénurie d'éducatrices francophones, avance Mme Gélinas.

Le directeur de l'éducation du CEPEO ne voit pas les choses de la même façon. « La mise en oeuvre du nouveau modèle d'intégration des services de garde aux classes de maternelles se fera progressivement, au rythme de 15 % (des établissements scolaires) la première année. Les établissements postsecondaires s'activent déjà à former plus d'éducatrices. »

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# JOURNÉE SANS BRUIT AU PRIMAIRE

Chut! C'est la Journée sans bruit dans plusieurs écoles primaires du Québec aujourd'hui. Cet événement, qui se tient pour une sixième année, coïncide avec la Journée internationale contre le bruit lancée il y a 25 ans par l'organisme américain The Right to Quiet Society. Organisée par l'Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec (OOAQ), la Journée sans bruit a pour but de sensibiliser les jeunes aux effets néfastes du bruit sur la santé. Plusieurs écoles primaires du Québec tiendront des activités pour souligner cette journée. En Outaouais, les élèves de l'école primaire du Dôme, dans le secteur des Hautes-Plaines, recevront la visite d'audiologistes. En préparation à cette journée, les élèves ont été invités à réfléchir à des moyens concrets de réduire le bruit ambiant à l'école, comme à la maison. Outre les risques de surdité et la présence d'acouphènes, les incidences du bruit sur la santé sont nombreuses pour les citoyens de tous âges, indique l'OOAQ.

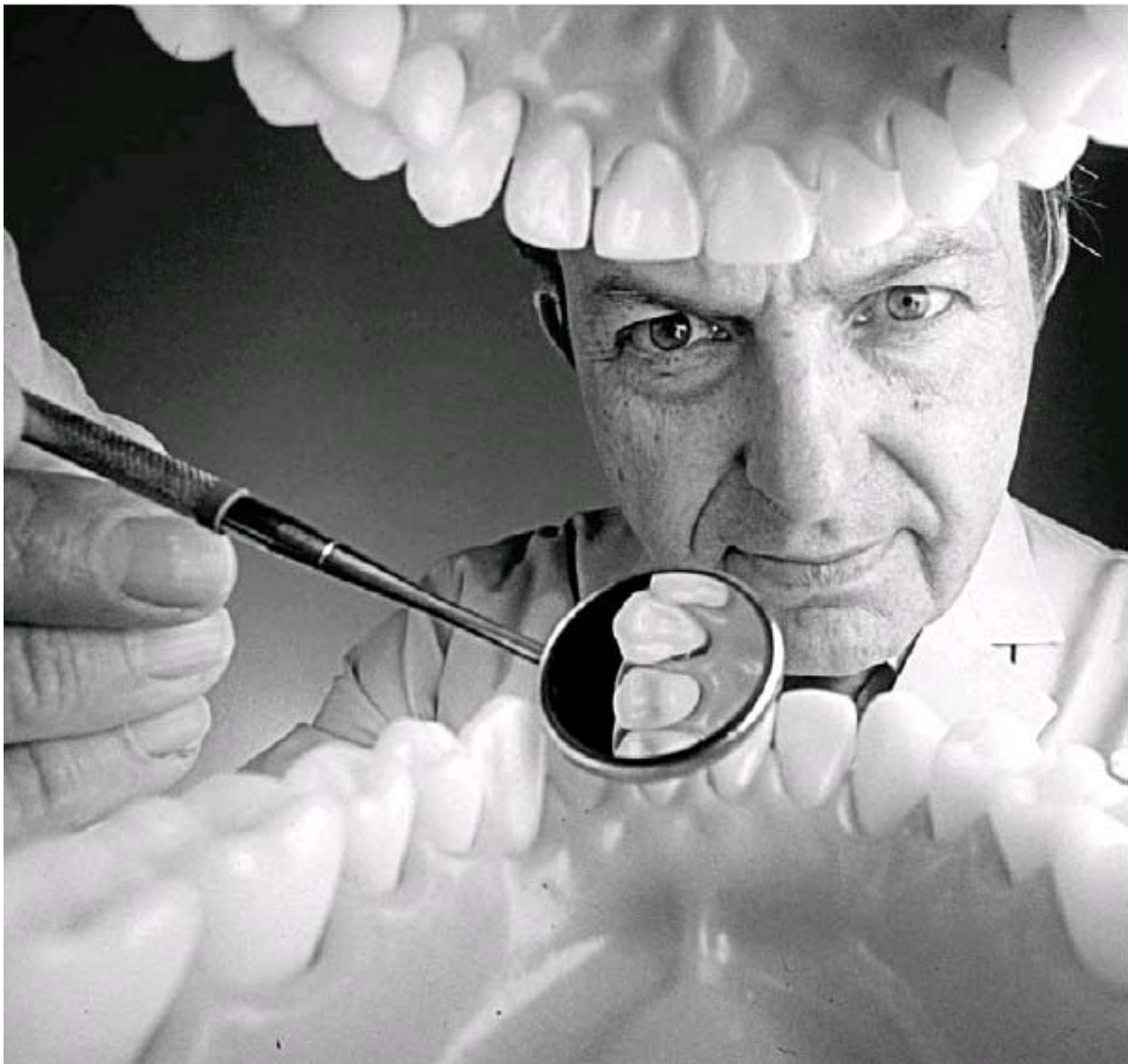
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Christiane Tassé Gatineau

# L'envers de la fluoruration de l'eau

Selon un sondage, 58 % de la population serait en faveur de la fluoruration. Combien de personnes ont été interrogées dans le cadre de ce sondage et qui sont-elles ? Il faut se dire qu'un sondage ne regroupe qu'un groupe de panelistes choisi pour répondre en faveur de la population. Si on veut un vrai sondage, qu'on questionne donc tous les citoyens à cet effet et je suis certain que le résultat ne sera pas le même ! Si la fluoruration n'est pas dangereuse pour la santé, pourquoi alors ne faut-il pas avaler du dentifrice qui en contient ? Si les gens veulent conserver leur belle dentition, il y a quelque chose d'encore mieux qui s'appelle : un dentiste ! Ce dernier pourra vous donner des recommandations que vous pourrez suivre ou non et cela sans qu'on ne vous impose quoi que ce soit ! C'est assez de se faire imposer des choses contre son gré ! Moi, on ne m'a pas demandé mon avis ! Et vous ?



La Presse Canadienne

La Direction de la santé publique a beau dire que 60 % des citoyens sont en faveur de la fluoration, les chiffres qui comptent, c'est que 97% des Québécois n'avalent pas les arguments pour la fluoration de l'eau... oui, 75 % des Ontariens absorbent du fluor depuis plus de 50 ans, alors que des experts ont laissé croire que le fluor passerait au travers les filtres des reins, des poumons et de la peau, traverserait les os des dents pour contrer les méchantes caries. Il y a 50 ans, le DDT était bon pour l'agriculture, la thalidomide était un médicament miracle et il n'y avait aucun danger au tabagisme.

Si l'utilisation topique du fluor peut avoir de bons résultats avec la pâte à dent, le Fluorince et les traitements au fluor du dentiste, ce sont des produits qu'on n'avale pas. L'utilisation systémique pourrait peut-être protéger des dents en formation entre l'âge de cinq et huit ans; il serait plus efficace de fournir gratuitement les vitamines fluorées aux familles qui en font la demande.

En lisant la chronique de Denis Gratton, « Eau secours » ( LeDroit, 22 avril) des commentaires du maire Marc Bureau, tels que ce n'est pas à la Ville de Gatineau de prendre de telles décisions sur la question de la fluoration de l'eau, ou les commentaires à saveur comique de la conseillère Denise Laferrière me font sourire à pleines dents !

Pourquoi élire des gens qui refusent de travailler ! Aucun citoyen s'attend à élire des gens qui ont une connaissance approfondie sur les enjeux! Mais nous nous attendons à ce que nos élus prennent leurs responsabilités et fassent des recherches sur les enjeux, offrent aux citoyens les pour et les contre de ces recherches, aient un débat sur les faits pour finalement prendre une décision éclairée !

De nombreuses villes au Québec ont depuis belle lurette choisi la fluoration de l'eau. Il faut croire qu'il y a plus de chialeux ailleurs au Québec ou simplement qu'il y a des représentants élus capables de débattre et de prendre des décisions !

Je ne sais pas si les Gatinois qui se disent pour le fluorure dans l'eau ont fait des recherches sur les effets néfastes du fluor dans le corps humain.

Avant de vous prononcer, allez sur le lien [http://www.conspiration.cc/sante/50\\_raisons\\_contre\\_fluoruration.html](http://www.conspiration.cc/sante/50_raisons_contre_fluoruration.html), et allez voir les 50 raisons de s'opposer à la fluoration. C'est bien beau de belles dents, mais on ne rit plus quand on se rend malade avec ce produit...

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# La démission de Tomassi réclamée

Le président de l'Association des garderies privées du Québec, Sylvain Lévesque, en remet une couche. Il réclame maintenant la démission du ministre de la Famille, Tony Tomassi, qu'il accuse de l'avoir « poignardé dans le dos ».

M. Lévesque a raconté à La Presse que le ministre Tomassi lui a passé un coup de fil, hier matin, dans l'espoir d'apaiser sa colère au sujet de nouvelles règles qui s'appliqueront aux garderies privées. L'opération fut un échec. « Il essayait de m'amadouer pour que je ne parle pas » aux médias, a tonné M. Lévesque. « Il essayait de me convaincre que j'ai mal compris ce qu'il avait annoncé. Mais ce n'est pas un ministre qui ne sait même pas comment répondre aux questions sur les garderies religieuses, qui fait volte-face le lendemain, qui va me dire que je n'ai pas compris ce qui se passe. Ça fait 20 ans que je suis dans le réseau. J'ai vu huit ministres, et combien de sous-ministres! »



Comme l'a souligné La Presse hier, M. Lévesque fulmine en raison de nouvelles règles annoncées lundi par M. Tomassi, en particulier celle demandant à toute garderie privée de faire de nouvelles demandes de permis et de subventions au ministère dès que plus de 10 % de ses actions changent de main. Selon lui, Québec impose déjà de nombreuses règles aux garderies et dispose de tous les pouvoirs nécessaires pour sanctionner celles qui sont délinquantes.

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# Les jeunes Canadiens échouent en activité physique

Un nouveau rapport constate que la grande majorité des enfants canadiens ne font pas assez d'activité physique.

Le Bulletin 2010 de l'organisme Jeunes en forme Canada déplore que le niveau d'activité physique des jeunes ne s'améliore pas avec l'âge. Ainsi pour la quatrième année consécutive, le Bulletin accorde un « F » pour les niveaux d'activité physique des enfants et adolescents canadiens.

Seulement 12% d'entre eux satisfont aux directives canadiennes de 90 minutes par jour d'activité physique.

Leur temps semble plutôt utilisé à jouer à des jeux vidéos, à regarder la télévision ou à être à l'ordinateur. En effet, le bulletin indique que les jeunes passent en moyenne six heures devant un écran les jours de la semaine et sept heures la fin de semaine.

Le bulletin révèle de plus que moins de la moitié des enfants âgés de moins de cinq ans sont soumis à une routine quotidienne comprenant une part d'activité physique régulière.

Le docteur Mark Tremblay, conseiller scientifique en chef chez Jeunes en forme Canada, souligne que les comportements sédentaires remplacent le jeu actif chez les enfants et augmentent leur risque d'être obèses ou d'avoir un surplus de poids plus tard.

« C'est assez troublant, parce que ça crée des habitudes qui ne sont évidemment pas celle que l'on voudrait », s'inquiète-t-il.

Des données canadiennes démontrent que 15,2 % des enfants de deux à cinq ans ont un surpoids, tandis que 6,3 % sont obèses.

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# Full-day kindergarten law passes legislature

The government passed legislation Tuesday that moved the province closer to having kindergarten-aged children in full-day learning programs. The full-day program — comprising half-kindergarten, half-day care — will see four- and five-year-old children in a school setting between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. It will be offered in nearly 600 schools starting next September, covering 35,000 of roughly 240,000 eligible students, and will be rolled out over the next five years.

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# Sex ed should help us grow up

Re: McGuinty pulls plug on sex-ed program, April 23.



JEAN LEVAC THE OTTAWA CITIZEN

**Andrea Kuntz writes that the current sex-ed curriculum in elementary grades was not 'terribly informative,' so most young girls get their information from ill-informed peers or the Internet.**

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I am severely unimpressed that our premier has stopped the changes to the sex-ed curriculum due to the actions of parents and religious leaders. As a teenager in the public school system, I know what it is like to go through our elementary and middle school health programs. They're not terribly informative.

We did not cover the subjects of homosexuality or masturbation academically until well after the age when children on the playground were already talking about them. As a result, I was often very misinformed about the details of the subjects and missed out on crucial facts.

My parents and I have a good relationship, but, when I was a preteen and younger, it was awkward to talk to them about sex. On many occasions, I turned to the Internet to research terms or phrases of a sexual nature that my friends had mentioned at school.

Personally, I feel that the education system should be accommodating not only to those who get the sex-ed lessons at home, but also to the many of them whose parents are more conservative. The current curriculum results in those children being educated about sexual topics by an ill-informed schoolmate with older siblings. The kids get these lessons no matter what we do, it's just a matter of how we want them taught.

I also think that if sexual orientation were discussed in schools at an earlier age it may prevent

discrimination in later generations. Today the term "that's gay" is widely used and recognized as an insult. Walking down the hallways at school, it is not unusual to hear the words "fag" and "homo" with derogatory undertones. This is not the kind of world that I want to live in. I don't care who you are, you do not have the power to judge others until you have walked a mile in their shoes.

The government has the power to change society. They can help the child who was given the wrong information by a classmate, or they can help the confused individual who is scared of the words of their peers. Instead, they chose to yield to the closed-minded citizens who cannot get past the fact that this information is needed to function in today's society. If this is our world, why won't you give us the education that's required to live in it?

ANDREA KUNTZ, Ottawa

It's a parent's role

Teach our kids what they need to know for jobs and careers, leave the life stuff to the parents. If Dalton McGuinty wants to talk sex, teach the parents to educate the kids, not vice versa.

That is my right and responsibility as a parent of two young children and it is something I highly look forward to being a part of. It will help create the bond between us and to create a stable, trusting relationship that will encourage my daughters to come to me with their questions and concerns, not some stranger.

Get out of my bedroom, McGuinty. I need you to look after the economy, the environment and our cities.

MELISSA HAGBLOOM, Ottawa

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## Kids want to be more active: Study

Despite wishes, kids becoming less active and fatter

By TERRI SAUNDERS, OTTAWA SUN

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Canadian kids want to be more physically active and it's up to communities, educators and parents to help them achieve that goal, experts say.

A national report card on fitness among Canadian children released Tuesday suggests just 12% get the amount of daily physical activity recommended by Health Canada, resulting in kids getting fatter at younger ages.

But the study also shows 74% of kids surveyed in Ontario would rather practice with a sports team or go to a playground after school than sit and watch TV or play video games. Despite their desires, however, young people are spending up to six hours on weekdays and seven hours daily on weekends in front of a screen.

"Things are different now than they used to be," said Tosha Rhodenizer, vice-president of health, fitness and recreation at the National Capital Region YMCA-YWCA. "Children aren't participating in physical activity as much as they should and it's up to the community, and organizations such as ours, to find ways to change that."

The report, published by Active Healthy Kids Canada, suggests one of the key factors is the amount of time kids spend in front of a screen and how young they're exposed to TV, video games and computers. The study suggests 27% of toddlers between two and three years old and 22% of preschoolers between four and five years old are exposed to more than two hours of screen time daily. Studies have shown the average for a child to begin watching TV is five months old.

Sedentary lifestyles are resulting in children becoming heavier and less fit, the study shows. Between 1981 and 2009, the average weight of a 12-year-old boy went up by 14 pounds; girls the same age are 11 pounds heavier than they were 28 years ago.

Groups such as the YMCA-YWCA are trying to combat the situation, Rhodenizer said, by offering entire families programming that focuses on the incorporation of physical activity into daily life.

"Parents need to focus on things such as screen time and how much time their children are spending in front of a TV," said Dr. Samantha Stephens, a researcher with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. "Success will come by starting with little steps ... even something simple like taking a walk around the block together or going to a park. It's common sense."

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## U of O students protest proposed tuition hikes

By JUSTIN SADLER, OTTAWA SUN

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Students rallied Tuesday evening to denounce the University of Ottawa's plan to hike tuition next year.

With recommended hikes of 4% for returning students and up to 8% in increases for medicine, management, and law students on the table, the university's board of governors approved the fee hikes for the 2010-11 academic year despite protestations from the almost 60 students in attendance.

"Students are incredibly concerned that the university is demanding that we all pay 5% more in tuition fees while they cut 5% of the budget, which will result in a more expensive education of lower quality," said Seamus Wolfe, president of the university's student federation.

Undergraduate tuition in 2009-10 was about \$5,600 for arts, health and social sciences. Law school cost about \$12,000 while medicine was about \$17,000.

The increases average out to about 4.3% — or about \$200 per student — across the board, said the university's vice-president of resources Victor Simon. Cumulatively, however, the hike tops out at the 5% maximum increase allowed by the province.

It represents roughly \$8 million in additional revenue, which will be used to reduce the university's \$33-million deficit.

Tuition at the university, Simon said, is already among the lowest in the province.

"Tuition fees are important but they are not the determining factor in a student's decision," he said to shouts of "shame" and "bulls---" from angry students in attendance.

Universities across the province are facing cost increases of around 5%, Simon said.

At the University of Ottawa, those increases include about 5% for faculty and staff salaries and about 10% for library acquisitions, he said. Tuition, however, only covers 35% of operating costs.

Allan Rock, the school's president, said the tuition increase is a result of thorough consultations with each of the university's faculties.

"These are not just random cuts, these are recommendations from the process," he said.

The university should look at cost-cutting measures in the central administration, which are spiralling out of control, Wolfe said.

"The central administration has never shown either the students, faculty, or the board of governors what they have been trying to do to decrease other costs on campus including their own," he said.

The board will decide in May whether to implement the proposed budget cuts of 5%, which students fear will result in reduced services and increased user fees.

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## Heroic soldier inspires Ottawa student

Essay winner surprised by visit from Cpl. Jody Mitic

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**Jody Mitic a soldier and double amputee who recently completed the Army Run 1/2 marathon says he is humbled that grade 7 student Charles Pallett chose to write an essay on his life. Charles Pallett was awarded a cheque Tuesday for his winning essay.**

Grade 7 student Charles Pallett was trying to do justice to a life that inspired him.

The soldier who lost both of his legs in Afghanistan came to thank him for doing just that.

Tuesday morning at Fisher Park Public School, the warrior and the writer met for the first time when Pallett was celebrated as the winner of the nationwide A&E Lives that Make a Difference Essay Contest.

Pallett's essay, Corporal Jody Mitic Soldier On, was chosen from over 1,800 submissions.

Pallett and Mitic had not met before the presentation, but the soldier, who ran a half-marathon on prosthetic legs at the Canada Army Run in Ottawa last September, said presenting the \$2,000 prize was the least he could do.

"I was told that someone won a contest writing about me," Mitic said. "And I was invited here to meet with Charles and present him the cheque. It's an honour for me."

He said it's still difficult to come to terms with the fact his life inspires others, but he's particularly proud that students like Pallett have

taken it upon themselves to share his story.

"So someone wanted to write an essay about me, first of all, and that they won it's humbling. I'm humbled by everything that's happening here."

Pallett said that he felt he could relate to Mitic's struggles, even if in a distant way.

"I thought ... what he went through is easy to relate to because I play a lot of sports and sometimes there are moments when you feel like giving up or you're frustrated. I thought it was something ... that inspires me to work harder and be better and not give up."

His mom told him about Mitic, then Pallett did the rest by searching the Internet for the soldier and putting it all together on paper.

Mitic stepped on a landmine while on night patrol with three other soldiers in January 2007. He admitted he isn't always upbeat, but he does try to stay positive as often as possible.

"Don't get me wrong, sometimes I vent, but that's what wives and moms and dogs are for. (My dog) Charley, sometimes he hears me swearing, but you have to move past that and make those the small moments. The positive stuff is what you focus on."

Pallett's teacher, Angie Kouretas, said she was bowled over. "When I did read his essay, I thought 'Wow, this guy is amazing.'"

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## Man stabs 18 students, teacher in China

By WILLIAM FOREMAN, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GUANGZHOU, China - A man wielding a knife broke into a primary school in southern China and stabbed 18 students and a teacher Wednesday, the same day another school attacker was executed for killing eight children last month, state media reported.

The official Xinhua News Agency said the wounded were taken to hospitals, but did not say how seriously they were hurt.

The man broke into Leicheng No. 1 Primary School in Leizhou city about 3 p.m. (0700 GMT) and hacked at the students and teacher, the report said. The man, described as in his 40s, is in police custody.

Parents rushed to the school, and school officials were asking the rest of the students to go home, Xinhua said.

A nurse at emergency clinic of Leizhou People's Hospital said the hospital treated eight of the students for knife wounds to the head. "None of them have life-threatening injuries," said the nurse, who would give only her surname Wu.

A man from surgical department of Leizhou Hospital of Chinese Medicine said seven students were treated there. He refused to give his name. Calls to the school rang unanswered.

It is not known where the other students or teacher were treated. Calls to the Leizhou police and Communist Party information office were not answered Wednesday.

There was no immediate word on a motive for the attack, which came the same day Zheng Minsheng, 42, was executed in neighbouring Fujian province for the March 23 murders of eight children outside their elementary school as they waited with their parents for classes to start.

During his trial earlier this month, Zheng admitted to killing the children because he had been upset after being jilted by a woman and treated badly by her wealthy family.

It was the second such attack in Leizhou in recent years. In February 2008, two students at the Leizhou No. 2 Middle School were stabbed to death by a former classmate who broke in, attacked a boy and a girl, then stabbed himself and jumped from the fifth floor of the building. The attacker, Chen Wenzhen, died.

He had dropped out half a year earlier because he suffered from headaches and could not concentrate on his studies, state media said at the time.

China has witnessed a series of school attacks in recent years, most blamed on people with personal grudges or suffering from mental illness, leading to calls for improved security.

Two weeks ago a mentally ill man hacked to death a second grader and an elderly woman with a meat cleaver in southern Guangxi, and injured five other people.

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### **China executes schoolchildren killer**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BEIJING - China executed Wednesday a man who stabbed eight schoolchildren to death last month in attacks that shocked the country, state media reported.

Zhang Minsheng, 41, was put to death in eastern Fujian province for the March 23 murders of eight children outside their elementary school as they waited with their parents for classes to start, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

During his trial earlier this month, Zhang admitted to killing the children because he had been upset after being jilted by a woman and treated badly by her wealthy family.

On the morning of the attacks, Zhang, a medical worker, went to the Nanping City Experimental Elementary School armed with a dagger. He stabbed the children as they arrived with their parents for classes, leaving bloodstained bodies, before he was overpowered and arrested. Five other children were wounded.

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## Schools to stagger hours in Renfrew, Arnprior

Move expected to create big savings for school boards

By STEPHEN UHLER & ANTHONY DIXON, QMI AGENCY

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PEMBROKE - Staggered bells are here to stay.

With cost savings projected to be \$1 million annually, both the Renfrew County District School Board and the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board will expand the staggered bells program to Renfrew and Arnprior in September.

On Monday, both boards passed motions to have the school day begin at different intervals between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and end between 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., to cut the number of buses needed for transporting students.

A report on a pilot project which has run during the 2009-10 school year, which introduced staggered bells to Pembroke, Petawawa and Deep River, said the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium saved \$611,642 in busing costs.

Trustee Dave Shields, the head of the RCDSB's finance committee, echoed his colleagues in saying this was one of the hardest decisions the board ever had to make, as they knew it directly affects families. However, he said this was mainly a financial decision.

"I just can't see how we can vote against this, as we just don't have other places to get the money needed to balance the budget," he said.

The boards would also be eligible for increased funding if they can prove to the Ministry of Education they are more efficient and effective in their operations, of which transportation takes up a huge part.

Bob Schreader, Catholic school board chairman, said the decision was not quick or simple.

"A great deal of time, effort, energy and thought has gone into this," he said. "The savings that we realize within transportation can go into the classroom."

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## **Kids losing battle of fitness versus fat**

**'Alarming' data shows that only 12% of kids are physically active enough**

**By SHARON LEM, QMI AGENCY**

Last Updated: April 27, 2010 10:16am

Canadian children and teenagers are couch potatoes who are failing with a big fat F when it comes to physical activity.

"We're not making any progress — we must turn this physical activity crisis around," Kelly Murumets, president and CEO of ParticipAction, said, referring to a national report card that, for the fourth year in a row, says five- to 19-year-olds are too idle.

The report card, issued Tuesday by Active Healthy Kids Canada, found that only 12% of children and youth are reaching the target of a minimum 90 minutes of daily moderate physical activity.

Instead of engaging in physical activity, kids are turning more and more to TVs, video games and computer screens — for as much as six hours a day, the report discovered.

About 90% of children begin watching TV before their second birthday. It's recommended children under the age of two have zero screen time.

"The data from this year's report is extremely alarming," Murumets said. "Truly, if we don't start addressing children and youths' physical activity levels, we're basically mortgaging their future and bankrupting Canada's health care costs, which are no longer sustainable."

About 15% of two- to five-year-old Canadians are overweight and 6.3% are obese, according to the report,

Day cares also came under fire: About 89% of them keep kids sedentary, the report said.

Dr. Mark Tremblay, Chief Scientific Officer of Healthy Kids Canada, warns if we don't start healthy habits at an early age, chronic diseases such as heart disease, obesity, and weight issues could set in and shorten lives.

"Year after year we've had a failing grade .... it shows the average person is not getting the message," he said.

Tremblay said we need to put more energy put into changing our society so that physical activity becomes a fundamental part of life as it once was.

"The big challenge is when you have seductive entertainment and not leave the couch, it accelerates the onset of chronic diseases and leads to death eventually," Tremblay said, adding that parents need to be role models.

The report card also gave the federal government an F for promoting physical activity.

"Although these issues have been around intensely for several years, there hasn't been an investment to solve it to a sufficient level," Tremblay said.

Tips on how to get your children moving:

1. Make physical activity fun and a regular part of every day. Take your child to a

playground, do yard work together, make use of programs offered in your local community, make an after-dinner walk a regular activity, turn the music on and dance when it's too cold or wet outside.

2. Choose a pre-school or day care that spends plenty of time outside and one that is within walking distance of your home. Join the school's parents' council and speak up for increased physical education classes.
3. Be a good role model. Make sure you live an active life. It's important for your child to see you running, walking and playing sports. Build a family activity into every weekend. Go for a hike or bike ride, build a fort or play a family game of soccer or football.
4. Set limits on screen time. Remove the TV and computer from your child's bedroom. Challenge the family to see who can do the most pushups, jumping jacks or leg lifts.
5. Encourage your kids to join a sports team. They can build social skills and self-esteem.

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## Toronto high school teacher charged with sexual exploitation

By **ROB LAMBERTI**, QMI AGENCY

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A married Harbord Collegiate teacher reported to have two children is charged with sexual exploitation involving a female student.

Tim Dingwall, who also coaches boys baseball and hockey at the Harbord St. school west of Bathurst St., was arrested by Toronto Police last Thursday.

Dingwall, 40, is charged with sexual exploitation. Police said the student is 17-years-old.

The social and global studies teacher is also the curriculum leader for the department.

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## McGuinty flunks the calculus of sex ed

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I spent the past week in Britain, where the combination of sex and politics routinely means a naughty MP has been caught in flagrante delicto, hog-tied to a bed with a garter belt.

Ontario's sex education furor seems tame by comparison.

Dalton McGuinty's about-face on the province's new sex education curriculum took an intriguing turn Tuesday, when the premier compared his flip-flop to the way the government had to backtrack on calculus some time ago.

McGuinty pointed out that of the massive curriculum overhaul the province has undertaken in all subjects, politicians have been entirely hands-off, except for in two subjects.

"One was calculus. The other was sex ed," he told reporters at an announcement at the GM plant in Oshawa.

Some years ago, a bright light in the bureaucracy decided calculus was too difficult for our kids, so it was dropped from the math curriculum. This was met with howls of protest from people who see calculus as vital to a good education.

I'm not one of them, but apparently some people actually like calculus. They use it in their everyday lives and would miss it dreadfully if it were to disappear.

Sex isn't like that. After all, it's not that difficult to do. Even dumb people catch on quite quickly.

No one actually makes moral judgments about calculus. There is no such thing as "age appropriate" calculus. Some are born good at it. Some struggle all their lives never having successfully resolved a calculus problem. It doesn't make them bad human beings.

I have never heard of a politician's career screaming to a sticky end after he'd been caught indulging it a little extra-marital calculus with the au pair.

No one objects to consenting adults indulging in calculus before marriage. My limited knowledge of the subject leads me to believe there is no such thing as anal or oral calculus. Religions don't frown on the teaching of calculus.

Calculus and politics? No problem. Sex and politics, on the other hand, are a toxic mix.

There are those who'd like to convince you it's just a handful of religious bigots who nixed the curriculum. That just isn't so.

Education Minister Leona Dombrowsky said this week the outpouring of concern came from parents in big cities, small towns and rural Ontario.

When that happens, politicians realize they've got it wrong.

More succinctly, they realize the pointy-headed types who developed the new curriculum and who think they know what's best for everyone's children, got it wrong.

Parents across this province have widely different customs and mores when it comes to sex. Some have strong moral and religious beliefs about what is acceptable to tell their youngsters. Others simply believe Grade 7 kids don't need to be taught concepts of anal and oral sex.

Unlike calculus, sex education is not about problem solving. And it's not just about the simple mechanics of the human body.

For most parents, sex is an intensely personal discussion and they'd simply like to have some say in what is taught to

their children. And how it will be taught.

There are other differences, of course, between calculus and sex.

Calculus, for example, isn't exactly a barrel of laughs. No one minds their kids getting good at it.

Sex, on the other hand, can be fun.

How much fun? Well, I think most parents would like their kids to wait past Grade 7 to find that out.

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# All but sex-ed going ahead, McGuinty says

All but the stickiest bits of Ontario's controversial health and physical education curriculum will make it into classrooms this September, as scheduled, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Tuesday. He abruptly shelved the proposed curriculum Friday because of a backlash over its sexual-education component. However, McGuinty told reporters sexual education is only one of 12 broad themes covered in the new curriculum. "The 11 other areas don't appear to be controversial in any way," he said. "I think we can find a way to introduce much of that that into the curriculum this September. So it has not been for naught."

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Maternelles à temps plein

# La loi passe, malgré l'opposition des francophones

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La loi sur la maternelle et le jardin d'enfants à plein temps a été adoptée, mercredi à Queen's Park.

Dès septembre, les enfants de 4 et 5 ans de plus de 600 écoles passeront toute la journée en salle de classe et n'iront plus à la garderie.

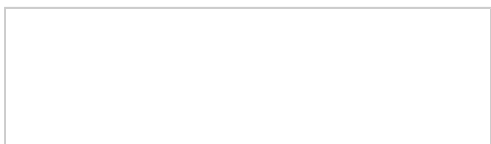
Une des conséquences des changements adoptés, c'est que les écoles devront offrir elles-mêmes les services de garde avant et après l'école.

Or, les écoles de langue française, qui offraient la maternelle et le jardin à temps plein à leur frais depuis plusieurs années, seront forcées de résilier leurs contrats avec les garderies qui assuraient ce service.

À Sudbury, le directeur du Carrefour francophone Stéphane Gauthier admet que la perte du contrat de service de garde dans sept écoles du conseil scolaire public aura des répercussions dans les garderies gérées par son organisme: « Parce que les Tremplins [NDLR: Les services de garde], ce n'est pas un secret, financent les garderies qui fonctionnent à perte. »

Dans le sud de la province, le directeur de l'éducation au Conseil scolaire du Centre-Sud-Ouest, Jean-Luc Bernard, demandait à l'Ontario de lui accorder la flexibilité pour respecter les contrats déjà signés avec les garderies.

### Plus d'élèves par classe



De leur côté, les enseignants déplorent qu'en raison de la réforme, le maximum d'élèves par classe passera de 20 à 28 en septembre. Le président de l'Association des enseignantes et enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO),





Benoît Mercier, président de l'Association des enseignantes et enseignants franco-ontariens

Benoît Mercier, estime que cette situation « diminue l'opportunité de nos jeunes de discuter en français ». Il arrive fréquemment que les jeunes provenant de familles exogames parlent peu ou pas le français lorsqu'ils arrivent à la maternelle française.

Jean-Luc Bernard résume le sentiment d'abandon ressenti par le milieu scolaire franco-ontarien: « C'est un projet de loi qui s'adresse à la masse, on a oublié le caractère spécifique des conseils de langue française et de nos réalités », déplore-t-il.

La ministre de l'Éducation Leona Dombrowski demeure ferme: elle affirme que tous les conseils scolaires auront deux ans pour s'adapter à la nouvelle loi.

Les écoles françaises promettent d'accentuer leurs pressions pour obtenir certaines exemptions.

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## Ontario to leave sex ed out of curriculum update

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Education Minister Leona Dombrowsky speaks to reporters at Queen's Park in Toronto, Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

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The provincial government will bring in its health and education curriculum this fall, but will leave out the controversial sex education aspect for now.

The sections that will go forward deal with healthy eating, active living and teaching students about Internet safety so they won't be vulnerable to online sexual predators.

Education Minister Leona Dombrowsky said Tuesday that parents will be given time to get familiar with the document and share their opinions.

She is inviting anyone to send emails or letters expressing their views on teaching subjects such as homosexuality as early as Grade 3.



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The sex-ed curriculum currently being used has not been updated since 1998.

Under the proposed new curriculum Grade 3 students would have learned about gender identity. Students in Grades 6 to 8 would have learned about healthy relationships and how to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually-transmitted infections.

A conservative Christian group announced a week ago it would hold a protest and pull its members' children out of school on May 10 to protest the new curriculum, which was quietly released on Jan. 18, the day Premier Dalton McGuinty shuffled his cabinet. He moved then-education minister Kathleen Wynne to the transportation portfolio.

Some reports have suggested McGuinty wasn't aware of the details of the new curriculum.

Last Wednesday, McGuinty said that any parents uncomfortable with parts of the curriculum could pull their children out of the classroom for that material.

However, on Thursday, after his ministers vigorously defended the new curriculum in Queen's Park's question period, McGuinty announced in London that he would be putting the policy on hold pending a rethink.

He said that given the backlash, the government had to find a curriculum with which parents could be comfortable.

Dr. David McKeown, Toronto's chief medical officer of health, has defended the changes to the curriculum.

"In a culture where unreliable information is rampant, it is essential that our schools protect public health and promote healthy sexuality by providing evidence-driven and comprehensive sexual education," he said in a statement.

*With files from CTV Toronto's Paul Bliss*



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#### **CraigW**

It's hard to imagine this turning out well when a few individuals think they are going to find a curriculum they think will not upset any of followers of the many different belief systems and cultures in the province. Maybe it's time for parents to start being more responsible for the raising of their own children instead of expecting the province to do it, and maybe it's time for the province to stop underestimating the parent's ability to raise their own children properly and propagating this culture of everyone being responsible for the raising thier children except themselves.

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**Reagan Newcomb**

Just a grammar note in the story "Ontario to bring back a tamer sex ed curriculum."

In this paragraph: "Last Wednesday, McGuinty said that any parent uncomfortable with parts of the curriculum could pull their children out of the classroom for that material," the word "their" should be "his or her," since the author says "any parent" (singular). Otherwise, good article.

Have a good day,

Reagan

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#### **realist**

Like it or not, agree with it or not, children are being exposed to sex-related topics younger and younger. A tamer sex-ed curriculum is NOT what is needed. For all those that argue that teaching kids about sex should be left up to the parents, that would be great if all parents actually did that. But too many don't. I went to a high school that had a nursery built to accommodate all the students with babies. I had to calm girls down in the bathroom who got their period and panicked because no one ever told them what it was. Yes, parents should be talking to their kids about sex, and their bodies, etc. AND it needs to be taught in school. The more kids are educated about it and talk about it, the less awkward it becomes and the more likely they will be to make intelligent INFORMED decisions in their lives. Kids know more than parents think - even at very young ages.

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#### **Ash A**

This is great news. Hopefully they won't renege on this announcement. I find it hilarious that the opponents of this are so against children learning tolerance. Can you imagine a tolerant world? How un-religious. And for the people who come out and say "if you teach it, they will do it", why aren't all the kids today mathematicians, scientists, geologists? It's all taught in school...

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#### **Jumpin Jack Flash**

Damn...now I have to tell the kids about the Birds & the Bees!??

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#### **jim price**

Are we in Canada? This SEX ED project sounds like we are becoming an Islamic republic! Come on teach them young and the children will be smarter and will not have to visit all the POP UP windows on WEB. Dalton come on wake up Ontario!

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#### **A VERY CONCERNED PARENT**

AS A PARENT OF TWO CHILDREN, I WAS SHOCKED AT THE NEW SEX EDUCATION THEY SAID NEEDED TO BE TAUGHT AT THE SCHOOLS. I WAS MORTIFIED TO LEARN THEY WERE GOING TO TEACH MY CHILDREN ABOUT ORAL AND ANAL SEX ETC, WHILE MY CHILD PLAYS WITH TEDDY BEARS! TALK ABOUT TAKING AWAY THEIR INNOCENCE!!!! OUR CHILDREN GROW UP FAST ENOUGH AS IT IS.



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**POSH**

Really, enough of this sex stuff. Can they focus on teaching children about their finances instead? Like budgeting, balancing a check book, saving for the future, etc... I think it is more beneficial than anal sex and masturbation.

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**jt**

A VERY CONCERNED PARENT

While i think grade one is to young. There is not question 11 and 12 years olds should be taught sex ed not as much as ontario wanted to but they should be giving info.

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**Frank Buchan**

The fact we have people who comment on the grammar rather the content of the article inspires me to believe we should teach communication skills alongside grammar. It's nice to see grammar, of course, but it is the focus on the irrelevant that led to this whole debacle about sex education. The real question that should be asked, is why the state feels the need to impose these criteria for education at such an early age, and why they think the concept of tolerance is at all tied to sex? My point is, by the way, made by the grammarian, who apparently missed the point of the article by focusing on mechanics -- tolerance, of even homosexual folks, has zilch to do with the mechanics of sex acts. This is where the content of the Ontario sex education curriculum failed -- it mixed the mechanics and the desired message, allowing mechanics to overwhelm effective communication.

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**MP**

@A VERY CONCERNED PARENT

Then by all means, keep your child segregated. They'll learn it with or without your help.

I love how people freak out over the natural workings of the human body and think somehow it "takes away childrens' innocence."

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**Joe from Ottawa**

To: A VERY CONCERNED PARENT

First, you don't need to type in all caps to make your point. Secondly, the discussions on anal and oral sex are discussed in the later curriculum (grades 6 & 7) as parts of sections on STIs and AIDs, not as part of an instructional demonstration as the hard right would have everyone believe. Please actually read the curriculum before making inaccurate statements about what is and is not being proposed.

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**jay**

POSH

So no kids should have sex ed is that your point.

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**Ash A**

I love how sex scares so many of you. Childrens' innocence? Come on! Did none of you play doctor growing up? It's called curiosity and knowledge. That's what children are about. They're not loose-cans that need to be sheltered from life.

Wait till they're in grade 11 or 12? Why not wait until they're 50?

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**Paul**

What a bunch of prudes. Would you rather your children grow up uninformed about the birds and the bees? Parents certainly don't talk to their children about such topics that school would be the ideal place to learn and debate. McGuinty and this gov't is a joke and should be replaced in the next election. I for one, will be voting for Hudak and the Conservatives.

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**Anne**

Maybe we need to examine a society that allows for young children to be exposed to sex-related topics, as many comments here state. Why do we stand by bleating about censorship, allowing child pornography to proliferate on the internet. Why do we have graphic sexual content on tv programs at 7 or 8 pm. Maybe we need to look at the root cause of why so many people think very young children need to learn about sexual activity - our society has become twisted, laying our children on the sacrificial alter of free speech, and freedom to do whatever you damn well please.

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**Mike S**

to A VERY COMCERNED PARENT and others that feels like them.

If you don't want the schools and goverment(s) to teach sex ed in school, I hope that you are ready to explained to educate them about doing the "deed" and doing is safe becuse of ther STD's out there. I have a double standard on the matter, yes and no I agree with the education but this all depends on the age of the child and the what information that is provided.

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**Todd W**

Something has to change since kids are having sex at a early age but teaching them that it's ok to have sex with people of the same gender in grade 3, does not help the cause.  
Leave the sex education to the parents.

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**Kristen**

I am disappointed in the decision not to amend or update the sex education in Ontario.

My husband who is in his mid twenties told me that when he had his first "wet dream" that he had no idea what was happening to him. He thought his body was "broken" and that he might be "leaking to death" but because of where the bodily fluid was coming from he decided that he would rather die than tell his mother, because she was a "single

parent" there was no father to speak to about this. Just imagine an 11 year old boy so confused and ashamed of his body that he would rather slowly "leak" himself to "death" than tell an adult.

He is from Ontario, I think that sex education is in need of a reform. When I think of all the "single parents" that are out there, our children need someone to talk to. Plus where is this shame coming from?

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**RT**

I'm sorry... I wasn't aware I was living in the southern United States... We all know where this leads. Look at the facts- education has an inverse correlation to disease, pregnancy, and undesirable sexual encounters and activities. Since when does Canada bow down to a small group of homophobic Christians

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**themacguy**

How much time and money was wasted on this?

...more taxpayers dollars down the toilet worrying about something that is the responsibility of parents anyway.

But oh wait, anyone who has ridden the TTC on any given day around the time kids are going to school or coming home from it can see what a craptastic job most parents are doing today reflected in the behaviour of their children...

what to do?

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**Barb in Toronto**

I just wish all those people who are so angrily opposed to the proposed curriculum would actually take ten minutes to look at it. It's right there in the Hot Links. Spelled out clearly in black and white. Maybe if you made the effort to read what you are all freaking out over, we could actually have an intelligent, informed debate about the issue. Or better yet, you might just realize that the whole thing is not the gigantic crisis that you make it out to be.

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**Josee**

Why do people always expect teachers to inform or teach kids about everything!!! I understand the importance of giving good information to our kids but why should it be a teacher's job to do so and why and how should a teacher evaluate that kind of material? I can just imagine the comment on the report card...'Johnny demonstrates good understanding of proper methods related to oral and anal sex' A+ !!! And really...do teachers really go to teaching school to know how to teach that!? It is a very sad society when we start thinking that only teachers can teach our kids!!!

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**MomOf2Girls**

I am teaching my girls!!!! At least I've started...I want my Daughters to grow up accepting everyone even those who are \*gasp\* GAY!!!! I am trying not to put labels on it I'm telling my girls 'you love who you love!' Grade 3 is NOT too young for kids to learn that!!!! As far as all

the other sex education that is proposed I'm all for it...I want my girls to have the power over their body, and the power to say NO to sex before they are ready, and the only way for that to happen is for sex education. Knowledge is POWER!!!! I don't want some punk kid trying to teach my girls about sex on the playground, I want myself or a qualified professional to do that!!!!

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### Anna

im a 17 year old who is absolutely appalled at the idea of a tamer sex ed. Where are kids supposed to be learning this stuff? Google? Their parents aren't teaching . I remember my mom actually first talked to me about sex was literally just this year. Its a bit of a shame because by then i pretty much had already learned about birth control and such topics almost solely on my own regard.

Kids are being exposed to this type of information- early. They are having sex- early. Earlier than what a lot of parents probably assume. The government and the curriculum really dont have much control over that fact; but what they can do is at least inform us. there are too many girls my age, and younger freaking out over not having their periods, or unaware of their anatomy. I wish these parents could just hear some conversations kids are having. maybe THEN they will be pleading the government to start teaching their kids something.

But unfortunately, i have a feeling that these parents would undermine their kids' potential maturity and instead, opt to dig them further into a ditch of ignorance.

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**Ontario will phase in full-day kindergarten, which is for four- and five-year-old children, across the province.**

**Ont. legislation creates all-day kindergarten**

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TORONTO — Legislation has been introduced to create all-day learning for four- and five-year-olds in Ontario starting this fall.

The bill calls on school boards to offer full-day junior and senior kindergarten in addition to extended-day programs that would be offered even on days when

schools are closed.

About 580 schools will offer the full-day learning to about 35,000 children starting in September, which will expand to all elementary schools in Ontario by 2015 at a cost of \$1.5 billion a year.

Each class will include a teacher and an early childhood educator and up to 26 children, higher than the current primary class cap of 20 to 23 kids.

Parents can pay extra for child care before 9 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m., which would be provided by early childhood educators, and subsidies will be available for low-income families.

The government will have to hire 3,800 new teachers and more than 20,000 new early childhood educators over the next five years for the expanded programs for young children.

Premier Dalton McGuinty says other programs won't suffer while the deficit-strapped government comes up with \$200 million this year and \$300 million next year to start phasing in all-day learning.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath says the extended daycare program at schools will make it harder for parents to find licensed and affordable daycare spaces.

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