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## **2002 02.01 THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO NEW EDUCATION CURRICULUM**

### **02.02 DISCONTINUE PROVINCIAL TESTING OF ENGLISH (AND FRENCH) AS SECOND LANGUAGES**

- discontinue provincial testing of ESL students in language related areas (reading and writing) until student demonstrates English proficiency or has been in Canada maximum of four years

### **02.03 EDUCATION FUNDING IN ONTARIO**

1. that education in Ontario be funded to amount required to provide:
  - a. qualified teaching assistants for students with special needs (if integrated into regular classroom)
  - b. full-time librarians
  - c. adequate custodial staff and services
  - d. enrichment programs
  - e. teachers who are certified
2. that school boards be funded according to the differences in cost of providing services and differing needs of students in each geographical area

### **02.04 PROVINCIAL TEACHER TESTING PROGRAM**

- to refrain from implementing any program of testing qualified teachers and withdraw program for teacher testing as per 'The Quality in the Classroom Act, 2001,' and the, "Ontario Teacher Testing Program, dated December 5, 2001".

### **02.05 TEACHER MENTORING**

- provide adequate funding for mentoring positions in elementary schools.

### **02.06 PLANNING FOR ONTARIO'S DOUBLE COHORT**

## **02.07 GOVERNMENT INFRINGEMENT OF PRIVACY**

- withdraw outstanding legislation where questions of privacy infringement have been raised
- set up an all-party committee to study issue of privacy as it relates to existing and proposed legislation to protect privacy of citizens against government intrusion and to recommend how existing privacy legislation can be strengthened, and
- cut interests of citizens and their privacy ahead of any potential for gains in government efficiencies or commercial profit, by withdrawing from consideration of use of "smart card" for purposes of provision of government services or transfer of personal information, e.g., health and financial, that hitherto has remained private, and refrain from using "smart card" which has
  - been biometrically programmed
  - and further urge privacy legislation be strengthened to protect against commercial gain or criminal use.

## **02.08 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FORMER WARDS OF THE PROVINCE**

- age ceiling for extended care and maintenance, for former crown wards who are still in school, from 21 to 24 years of age

## **02.09 REDUCE TRUCK TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAYS**

- find ways to improve movement of transport trucks, trailers and containers
- assist trucking firms to use rail beds and tracks.

## **02.10 NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

- work with nurse practitioners to integrate them into health care system
- encourage more students to enter into nurse practitioner field by ensuring these professionals can work at their full potential
- promote establishment of multi-disciplinary teams of health care workers including nurse practitioners, using a patient-centred model of service delivery.

## **POLICY UPDATES**

### **02.01-U BILL 45: THE EQUITY IN EDUCATION TAX CREDIT**

- repeal Bill 45, the Equity in Education Tax Credit and restore funding to public education in order to prevent further damage to integrity of public education system and its ability to serve the educational needs of Ontarians.

### **02.03-U GAMBLING IN ONTARIO**