



You know what I love about our publicly funded schools? They're public! Whatever their race creed or cultural background, our kids attend the same schools. Together. They learn together. Play and laugh and sing together. Help each other with algebra. Forge friendships that last a lifetime. In our public schools, along with their reading and math, our kids learn about each other. They come to understand and accept one another. In a very real sense, it's our public schools that make Ontario, Ontario. But today, those public schools are threatened. There is a plan to take a half a billion dollars from our public schools to fund private, religious schools.

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I think that would be a mistake. A very serious mistake. After years of cuts and conflict, our public schools are finally getting back on their feet. Class sizes in the lower grades are coming down. Test scores are going up. More kids are staying in school. Peace and stability are allowing our public schools to focus, once again, on the only people that truly matter: our children. If Ontario is to flourish, our children must flourish. And our children can only flourish if we give them the best public schools. If you share my view on public versus private education, I need your help. Please, on October 10th, stand up for our public schools.



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