

Who: Me

What: Call Minister LaGrange

Re: Bill 8 Education Amendment Act

📞 Honourable Adriana LaGrange
Not yet available (Constituency)
780.427.5010 (Legislature)

Talking points for phone call to Minister LaGrange's office:
CAP – Call, Applaud, Propose

CALL:

- ✓ **Dial up the Honourable Adriana LaGrange: 780-427-5010**
- ✓ **Introduce yourself as an Albertan parent or student and that you want to encourage the Minister.**
- ✓ **Ask, “May I please speak with Minister LeGrange concerning Bill 8?”**
- ✓ **If she is unavailable, ask if you can leave a message for her.**
- ✓ **Keep your speech respectful at all times!**

APLLAUD:

- ✓ **I'm thankful to see that the Education Act will still have the protection of kids and targeting bullying as a focus. I support that focus. No child should ever be bullied.**
- ✓ **Thank you so much for adding section 33.1 to the Education Act. I understand that this section will provide boards of independent Christian schools the option to pursue safe schools in a way that is true to their cultural identity. Thank you for adding that amendment.**
- ✓ **I'm told that the provisions in the School Act that were added by the NDP in the last legislature via Bill 24 did not get added to the Education Act in Bill 8. Thank you so much for keeping that out of the Education Act. I don't think schools should be keeping secrets from parents.**

PROPOSE:

- ✓ **I think a couple more tweaks would really help improve the Education Act.**
- ✓ **Can you amend Bill 8 so that the Education Act will provide schools with the option of parental involvement in the creation of student voluntary organizations?**

- ✓ **The Education Act must allow for a diversity of culturally-sensitive approaches to protect bullied students. I am told that one way to allow schools to have safe and caring policies and activities that respect the cultural identity of the school is to simply add the phrase “and respects the cultural identity of the school community” to section 35.1 of the Education Act. Can you make that happen through Bill 8?**
- ✓ **Can you strengthen the preamble of the Education Act with a reference to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, that “parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children”?**
- ✓ **Can you ensure that parents retain the right to remove their children from courses, school clubs and organizations that deal primarily with human sexuality?**
- ✓ **Final ask: Once these amendments are made to Bill 8 and the Education Act, can you please proclaim the Education Act as soon as possible?**
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- ✓ **Remember to thank Minister LaGrange (or her assistant) for her time and remind her that you are praying for her in her very important task.**