

Who: Me

What: Call Minister LaGrange

Re: Bill 8 Education Amendment Act



Honourable Adrianna 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 Adrianna LaGrange: 780-427-5010
- ✓ Introduce yourself as an Albertan parent or student.
- ✓ 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!

APPLAUD:

- ✓ I'm thankful to see that the Education Act will still seek to reduce all forms of bullying. 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 of pursuing safe schools in a way that remains true to their cultural identity. Thank you for adding that amendment.
- ✓ I'm told that the NDP's secrecy provisions put in the School Act via Bill 24 did not get added to the Education Act in Bill 8. Thank you so much for keeping that out. Schools should not keep secrets from parents.

PROPOSE (pick one or two talking points):

- ✓ A couple more tweaks would really help improve the Education Act.
- ✓ 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 issues of ethics and 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?
- ✓ **Remember!** Thank Minister LaGrange (or her assistant) for her time and remind her that you are praying for her in her very important task.