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357. Mr. McNaughton – Enquiry of the Ministry – Will the Minister of Education indicate what provision in the Education Act allows for the withdrawal of students from class at the sole discretion of their parent(s) on the basis of lesson content. April 16, 2015.

Response:

Under subsection 21(1) of the *Education Act*, school attendance is compulsory for every person from the age of 6 to 18. Subsection 21(2) of the Act provides legal excuses for not attending school. Regulation 298 provides for temporary absences from school. These are different from the accommodation guidelines boards are required to have in place. Locally, boards have policies and procedures in place to manage matters such as student attendance.

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Hon. Liz Sandals