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Hon. Liz Sandals
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Dear Minister Sandals,

I'm writing in follow-up to my letter of August 4, 2015, which remains unanswered.

This morning I read with great amazement the comments from Peel Board of Education Director, Tony Pontus, which was covered extensively in the Toronto Star article titled, "*Peel board won't exempt kids from learning about gay families, gender issues*" (September 2, 2015).

Mr. Pontus' comments were in direct conflict with the answer you provided in the House on February 25, 2015. Likewise, they also differ from the written answers you provided to my Order Paper Question (No. 357) on June 3, 2015. Accordingly, I am writing to you today to ask that you immediately clarify the specific process for parents to opt-out their children from the new sex-education curriculum, as parents across Ontario have relied upon your word on this matter.

As you know, the new school year begins next week and there remains significant uncertainty regarding the implementation of the new sex-education curriculum. Already some school boards have decided to delay or postpone the implementation, while others are planning to implement a modified curriculum. It is clear that there exists a significant number of legitimate concerns, including those being raised by parents across Ontario – concerns that have fallen on deaf ears by your Ministry

Minister, please stop the implementation of the new sex-education curriculum. Instead take the time to launch an open and transparent, province-wide, public consultation process in order to solicit input from parents across Ontario.

I await your prompt reply.

Cordially,

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