

The P.E.A.C.E. Plan Works

In 2008, then Education Minister Kathleen Wynne confirmed that families have the right to have their faith values respected when teaching conflicts with their beliefs. She also provided guidelines for faith parents to exercise their parental rights in public schools.

Our P.E.A.C.E. plan and resources are based upon these guidelines.

You can be confident knowing that these steps meet provincial expectations, and that they *work*.

Info Omission

Many areas of curriculum, especially Health & Physical Development, are being revised to omit information now considered out-of-date (despite being socially and medically accurate) because traditional teachings are not seen to be as important.

Hostile Classrooms

Many teachers, parents and students of traditional faiths are being negatively labelled for expressing their sincerely held and Constitutionally-protected faith values.



What You Can Do

Request a Meeting

P.E.A.C.E. staff would be happy to arrange a meeting with you, your family and/or faith community leadership to discuss a plan that works with your local situation.

Host a P.E.A.C.E. Info Night

Bring your community or church together to get facts and resources that help you understand

- changing curriculum
- faith trends
- legislative issues
- becoming an asset to your school
- communication skills to advocate for faith needs

Many meeting options available.

Start a Local Chapter

It takes very little to get your own P.E.A.C.E. chapter started in your community. Join a growing network of communities dedicated to improving public education by becoming an asset to their schools and by clearly communicating their faith values.

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Faith & Public Schools

How Education is Changing in Ontario

What's Going On?

As faith communities have gradually withdrawn from public education, alternative worldviews, lifestyles, and teachings are becoming more prominent in schools.

Other organizations are pushing strongly for their views to be included, leading to conflict between traditional faith families and schools.

Here are some of the major issues.

Spiritual Culture Loss

Research indicates that the attitudes and values of teens and children who attend evangelical churches is getting harder to tell apart from those who don't attend church at all.

The percentage of teens who identify as Christian is shrinking

	1984	1992	2000	2008
Roman Catholic	50%	41%	39%	32%
Protestant	35%	28%	22%	13%
Other faiths*	3%	10%	14%	16%
No faith at all	12%	21%	25%	32%

*Includes: Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Aboriginal; source: Project Teen Canada

Conflicting Value Systems

The growing emphasis of alternative sexual lifestyles and humanist worldviews in public education puts subject matter before children which often conflicts with the teachings of many traditional faith families.

How P.E.A.C.E. Helps

Positive Communication

One of the major stumbling blocks between faith groups and schools is poor communication.

P.E.A.C.E. has created clear and easy-to-use tools to help parents communicate their faith values to teachers and school staff.

Materials include

- Parent Communication Letter
- Discussion Point Booklet
- Ministry of Education Quick Notes
- Community Meeting Guide
- DVD Presentation Pack



Community Building

P.E.A.C.E. is a grassroots organization committed to working with people directly. Whether it's through community information events, inter-faith networking or one-on-one coaching, P.E.A.C.E. is ready to assist you with your efforts to build a stronger community.

Build Up Your School

For faith values to be understood and respected in public education, it's essential that families become personally involved in their schools.

P.E.A.C.E. can help you connect your school officials to internationally recognized and faith-friendly programs which specialize in

- Character Development
- Leadership Training
- Anti-Bullying
- Community Involvement

Prayer Adoption

Like you, we understand the importance of prayer for our schools. P.E.A.C.E. is networked with local, national and international prayer groups that you can connect with to begin covering your local school in prayer.

Expertise in Public Education

The P.E.A.C.E. staff has over 30 years experience with public education, from the classroom right up to the Ministry of Education. We can help you understand the trends, language, and legislation behind today's education system so you can navigate it effectively.