



September 17, 2011

John Del Grande  
Trustee

Dear Mr. Del Grande,

Thank you for your letter about education funding and for the opportunity to tell you about the ways *changebook* proposes to help Ontario students. I also want to thank you for your ongoing support and for participating in our media avail, with MPP Lisa McLeod, about the mandatory dues paid by the Ontario Catholic teachers union to support political campaigns.

Public education is the great opportunity builder, giving kids from every Ontario family an equal start in life and the opportunity to succeed. I know this because I grew up in a family of teachers and the importance of education was discussed every day at the kitchen table. I carry these values with me to this day.

If I earn the honour of becoming the next Premier, I will put our students first and make our public education system even better. An Ontario PC government will provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century education for Ontario students. This is the only way to ignite student achievement which has stalled under Dalton McGuinty.

Today, 32% of our Grade 3 and 6 students are still failing to master reading, writing and math. Instead of helping our children reach their full potential, it seem Dalton McGuinty is spending more time focusing on bizarre priorities like scrapping the fall elementary report card, calling for cell phones in schools, teaching sex ed to six year olds and banning chocolate milk in cafeterias. This is simply unacceptable.

It's time for change in Ontario. Change built on a focused plan that puts Ontario students first.

We will increase investments in our kids' classrooms and the tools that help them learn, by \$2 billion over our first term. We will implement full-day kindergarten for all 4 and 5 year olds, by 2014. We will free teachers to teach, giving them the support and discretion to do what they know is right for their own classroom. We will also reinstate fall report cards for elementary students that were eliminated last year. And we will expand the use of technology in teaching.

To read more about the change we are proposing for Ontario students, I encourage you to visit [www.changebook.ca](http://www.changebook.ca) and to contact your local Ontario PC Candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Hudak".

Tim Hudak  
Ontario PC Leader

