



PROVINCE OF ONTARIO CONSULTATION ON THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The government website for the consultation: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents>
Comments due **December 15, 2018**

Quoted from the consultation website, ***For The Parents:***

“We’re consulting with parents across the province to address concerns and get feedback in several areas of the education system.

Feedback from these consultations will help shape decisions in the following areas

1. Improving student performance in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
 2. Preparing students with needed job skills, such as skilled trades and coding
 3. Improving provincial standardized testing
 4. Ensuring students graduate with important life skills, including financial literacy
 5. Managing the use of technology in classrooms, such as cell phones
 6. Building a new age-appropriate Health and Physical Education curriculum that includes subjects like mental health, sexual health education and the legalization of cannabis
 7. Developing the first-ever Parents’ Bill of Rights “
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SUGGESTIONS FOR CFUW CLUBS:

1. Organize a session with the Club’s Issues Committee, either using the Questionnaire as a guide, or have someone do the online survey and give suggestions to others, or prepare a submission.

Please remember when your Club is answering the questionnaire or presenting a submission, that this is province-wide, not the normal local-based advocacy. Other Clubs and Ontario Council will also be making comments. Please remember, CFUW is a non-partisan organization. Please comment accordingly.

If your Club does send in a submission, do copy us at president.cfuwontario@gmail.com . Thank you.

Also if answering for CFUW, please base your comments based on CFUW policy that you will find in the attachment *CFUW POLICY ON EDUCATION*.

2. Organize a Club meeting or public forum to discuss the issue, involving education stakeholders – parents, teachers, school boards and don’t forget the students.
3. Do tell your Club members about the consultation. If the individual member has concerns, do encourage them to be involved. Think of their children and grandchildren, or simply the good of the community. BUT please ask that they involve themselves as individuals rather than as CFUW.

Quoted from the consultation website, <https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents> :

“How to participate in the consultation:

There are three ways to participate:

1. Open submission

Share your views on all or some of the 7 key consultation areas that are outlined above:

Use our private and confidential online submission form (<https://www.ontario.ca/form/open-submissions-education-ontario>) “

This is a questionnaire, allowing you make comments 500 words or less. The questions are based on the 7 headings as found above. There is one open ended comment. Answer as an individual, or **if for CFUW, please have the comments authorized by your Club’s Board.**

OR

Email your written submission to fortheparents@ontario.ca and:

- include your name or the name of your organization
- add “provincial consultations” as the subject
- attach your submission as a PDF or Word document”

This written submission doesn’t seem to be limited in length.

2. Online survey

Send your feedback through our online [survey](https://registration.fortheparents.ca/). (<https://registration.fortheparents.ca/>)”

The online survey involves registering with your email, then the survey will be sent to you.

3. Telephone town hall

Find out more information about how you can participate in a telephone town hall in your region (<https://www.ontario.ca/form/register-telephone-town-halls-about-education-ontario>) “

Please join one of these town halls. If you’re doing it for CFUW, we’d love to know about it.

RESOURCES for CFUW CLUBS:

The curriculum <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/>

People for Education <https://peopleforeducation.ca/>

They have articles on a number of topics of value for this consultation.

Ontario Public School Boards Association <http://www.opsba.org/>

A page on the consultations:

<http://www.opsba.org/Pages/Provincial%20Education%20Reform%20Consultation.aspx>

Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association <https://www.ocsta.on.ca/>

Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario <http://www.etfo.ca/Pages/Home.aspx>

They have created a separate website, *Building Better Schools*, BuildingBetterSchools.ca/consultation.

Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation <https://www.osstf.on.ca/>

Similar to People For Education, their work includes a number of studies.