



*******BILL 101: PUTTING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FIRST ACT IS EXPECTED TO PASS FIRST WEEK OF MAY*******

WHAT IS BILL 101?

Bill 101: Putting Student Achievement First makes broad changes to school board governance in Ontario.

The TDSB bears the brunt of some provisions, like a cap on trustees that would reduce ours from 22 to 12.

Other provisions hit rural boards extra hard, for example the proposed policy that student attendance account for 10% of the final mark.

Other issues of concern centre around:

- Limiting the liability such that the province need not adhere to court orders or tribunal directives
- Unilateral ability of the Minister of Education to force or deny a sale of school-owned lands.
- Establishment of a CEO (with business experience) above a Director of Education (career educator)

But perhaps what's most concerning is what isn't said. For all the rhetoric around school board accountability, there is nothing that indicates the Ministry will be held accountable for ensuring that funding is sufficient to meet student needs.

Connecting feedback from parents to material changes in the funding formula is a structural concern that is unaddressed by Bill 101.

The text and status of the bill can be found here: <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-44/session-1/bill-101>

And the Ministry's April 13th, 2025 press release can be found [here](#)

HOW TO MAKE WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS OR GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

* April 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. — Deadline for written submissions on “Bill 101, Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026” **(to be considered in the amendments process - if you submit here please email the materials to your MPP, also)** <https://www.ola.org/en/apply-committees>

Examples of written submissions could include a statement from your school council or another type of organization that you are involved with.

* April 30, 2026 (10:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-6:00pm) — Clause-by-clause debate of “Bill 101, Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026” (limited to one day).

* May 13, 2026 — Deadline to submit comments on “Bill 101, Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026” through the Ontario Regulatory Registry. <https://www.regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca/proposal/53794>

HOW HAS PIAC RESPONDED?

One day after the Bill 101 announcement, PIAC hosted a meeting of 13 PICs from around Ontario. The co-Chairs and other execs who attended compiled personal comments into a document that was submitted in by the April 22nd deadline to appear at the hearing. The text of that can be found here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/10sZdz5LrwU_rMyRUZH09sxeD933g_aooqtRSQQOd3sxA/edit?usp=sharing

Unfortunately, PIAC will not have time to ratify a full statement prior the Ontario Legislature's April 30th Amendment session. We will be discussing a possible response to submit as comment at the upcoming Consultation meeting this Thursday. Please see our PIAC [calendar](#)

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[NEXT PIAC MEETING: 7PM - Tuesday, May 12th @ TDSB - 5050 Yonge St.](#)

PIAC is a provincially mandated Statutory Advisory Committee of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). We represent parents of the TDSB to the Director of Education and the Ministry of Education.

About PIAC

Education is a partnership involving students, parents, teachers, principals, staff, school boards, government, and the community. The Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) is committed to strengthening this partnership and fostering parent engagement for student success and well-being.

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