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The New Normal with Bill 75

As a <u>2006 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence - Certificate of Achievement Recipient</u>, I am appalled at the direction this Stephen McNeil Liberal Government is taking with the proposed legislation of Bill 75.

For the majority of my career as a physical education specialist, I have worked outside of the box, gone out on a limb, stretched, extended & manipulated "rules" so that my students would receive the MANDATED amount of activity and physical education TIME that was simply not possible within the constraints of declining funding.

I have, for the past 10 years, been required to teach subject areas of which I have received NO prior training, simply because of the constraints of funding. Because of this, much of my time which was previously spent in developing varied, exciting and up-to-date physical education lessons for my students, had to be focused on LEARNING new curriculum and ways in which to deliver such in the diverse academic classroom.

To top this off, every class is a split grade and I have been forced to teach 2 levels of math curriculum concurrently, including topics that do not mesh from one grade to the next, and be expected to reach all diverse learners within each varied split-grade classroom.

I have spent endless hours contacting parents to assist in educational trips, fundraising to ensure participation for all students, and supervising student-led clubs to enable leadership and healthy living skills to develop in the early years.

Up until now, I have been willing to go-above-and-beyond the call of duty in order to ensure my students receive the best I can possibly give them, despite the inadequacies provided by this provincial government.

The direction of this Liberal Government has successfully beaten me down in the twilight of my teaching career. A time that I envisioned with admiration and pride, I will no longer extend myself.

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