

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN



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The Honourable Kathleen Wynne,
Minister of Education
Mowat Block, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Minister Kathleen Wynne,

On behalf of the Ontario Council of the Canadian Federation of University Women, I would like to commend the Ontario Government for investing \$20 million dollars annually to help school boards encourage community use of schools by eliminating or reducing fees for sports programs, community groups, and senior programs.

One of the recommendations that Ontario Council had made in their January 31, 2006 report, submitted to the Safe Schools Action Team was to provide after school activities to students at risk of leaving school. By eliminating user fees; we believe home work clubs, school programs and sports activities will encourage our youth to become involved with community members, consequently creating a sense of belonging in the school.

The province of Ontario is very diverse, but one common element in each community is the role of the primary and secondary schools. In many communities the local school is the "hub" and we thank you for recognizing this by providing annual funding to help school boards with the costs of "after school programs".

Sincerely,

Linda MacGregor
President, Ontario Council,
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Cc. Premier Dalton McGuinty