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LIBERAL EDUCATION PLATFORM GOOD NEWS FOR STUDENTS

TORONTO, September 7, 2011 — “The Liberal Party announcement of voluntary summer programs to help Ontario’s youngest students improve their language and math skills is welcome news,” stated LeBlanc-Lebel, newly elected President of the Ontario Teachers’ Federation (OTF). “Such a program, coupled with the on-going commitment to full-day early learning, is an important and worthwhile investment in Ontario’s children and Ontario’s education system.”

“OTF was pleased to see other commitments to education in the recently released Liberal platform, especially the focus on reducing childhood obesity, after school activity programs for children aged 6-12 and the introduction of a healthy snack program,” added LeBlanc-Lebel. “These represent practical and tangible ways to improve the overall health and wellness of children and establish positive habits early in life.”

“The Liberal platform includes an expansion of focus from literacy and numeracy to a broader approach with more focus on science, creativity, collaborative learning and problem solving. This has the potential to be a very positive shift and we would welcome the opportunity as teachers to work with a Liberal Government to shape these goals.”

The Ontario Teachers’ Federation is the advocate for the teaching profession in Ontario and for its 160,000 teachers. OTF members are full-time, part-time and occasional teachers in all publicly funded schools in the province—elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

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