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## The Ontario Teachers' Federation applauds the release of Ontario's revised Health and Physical Education Curriculum

**TORONTO, February 24, 2015** — The Ontario Teachers' Federation applauds the release of Ontario's revised Health and Physical Education Curriculum, Grades 1-8.

"Teachers have long anticipated access to the revised curriculum. They have been arguing for many years that the current curriculum is out-of-date and that new curriculum and resources are needed to respond to the many and complex issues related to health and physical education, including those issues related to healthy sexuality," said OTF President Rian McLaughlin.

"With this revised curriculum, what teachers teach will be based on up-to-date research and information. The curriculum will help address student health and well-being and, importantly, student safety in an increasingly digitally connected world. This revised curriculum will make it easier for teachers to help and support students to make healthy and safe choices as they mature emotionally, physically and intellectually," added McLaughlin.

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 the publicly funded schools in the province—elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

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