

PARENTAL CONSENT ALBERTA

Ensuring the Parents' Voice in Their
Children's Sexuality and Gender Development

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Summary of Relevant UCP Principles and Commitments Declared in 2020, which in Reality are Mostly Rhetorical Talking Points

These extracts from the [Declaration of UCP Principles and Commitments](#), October 16, 2020, frame the background understanding of UCP grass roots values/pledges **that should (but do not)** positively impact Alberta "parent-child-State" relationships and education governance, including parental consent law (relevant extracts only from the Declaration).

102. Statement of Principles. *As a party, we stand united on the following principles that guide our vision for a stronger Alberta:*

- **102c** - affirm the family as the building block of society and the means by which citizens pass on their values and beliefs and ensure that families are protected from intrusion by government.

201. Community.

201.1 VISION. *The United Conservative Party is committed to...*

- **201.1a** - recognizing that all Albertans have equal rights, privileges and responsibilities.
- **201.1d** - upholding and protecting parental rights and authority in health care and education.
- **201.1e** - affirming that the family is the basic unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State to ensure that parents have the right and responsibility to oversee the healthcare and education of their own children, including but not limited to the cultural, linguistic, religious, spiritual and moral upbringing and heritage of their children.

201.2 FAMILIES. *The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should...*

- **201.2a** - ensure the protection and well-being of all children, alongside full respect for parents' rights, freedoms and authority.
- **201.2b** - protect victims of abuse and provide effective supports to aid in their recovery.
- **201.2c** - ensure foster parents have the necessary supports to manage the children in their care, including increased utilization of counselling, trauma treatment and other programs to help improve the care and placement of foster children.
- **201.2d** - affirm the freedom of religion and conscience rights of adoptive and foster parents.

202. Education

202.1 VISION. *The United Conservative Party is committed to...*

- **202.1a** - affirming the right of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children.
- **202.1c** - supporting safe schools that protect students against discrimination and bullying without compromising the constitutional rights and safety of other students in the process.
- **202.1e** - maintaining Alberta's legacy of school choice by upholding the established right of parents to choose the education setting best suited for their children including: public, separate, charter, independent, alternative and home education programs.
- **202.1f** - protecting authentic school choice by respecting the freedom of association in independent schools and alternative programs by allowing them to determine their own policies and practices based on each school's unique character, values and beliefs.
- **202.1g** - Parental choice in education, in both form and content.
- **202.1i** - recognizing that parents and guardians are the major stakeholders in education.

202.2 CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT. *The United Conservative Party believes that the Government of Alberta should...*

- **202.2b** - halt the implementation of the new curriculum and review it in order to increase emphasis on basic essentials such as literacy and numeracy, increase the focus on Albertan and Canadian life in terms of geography, the economy, and historical accuracy, increase the focus on the development of a work ethic, increase a focus on debate, critical thinking, and respect for dissenting views, and eliminate all political indoctrination from the curriculum.
- **202.2e** - reinstate parental opt-in consent for any subjects of a religious or sexual nature, including enrollment in extracurricular activities/clubs or distribution of any instructional materials/resources related to these topics.
- **202.2g** - support the following principles for framing Educational Policy so that ideological and political bias is not present in school curriculum. This Policy aims to modernize and reframe Alberta Educational Curriculum and requires:
 - that Alberta K-12 curriculum be objectively founded on principles of knowledge, scientific information and factual content and free from ideological or political bias. The curriculum should allow and encourage students and educators to adopt a multi-sided perspective to learning to allow students to make fully informed conclusions and decisions regarding local, national and global issues.