



QUEEN'S PARK UPDATE

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AFTER THE ELECTION

So what do we do now? That's the obvious question now that Mr. McGuinty and the Liberals are the new government. Well, here's an approximate schedule of events.

The former government will take two to three weeks to wind up all the files. Mr. McGuinty and his transition team will be busy deciding cabinet appointments. Cabinet will be appointed on the day the government officially changes hands, probably sometime after October 20th. It will be easier to gain access to your MPP before s/he is appointed to cabinet. MPPs will start moving into their offices after cabinet is appointed.

The new ministers will spend most of their time in detailed briefings from public servants. By mid-November, cabinet committees will be formed and the process of carrying out election promises will begin. There will be announcements to show the Liberals are carrying out their key election promises, and it's quite possible that some sort of omnibus financial plan will be passed early on to carry the government until its first real budget in the spring of 2004.

OACS in cooperation with other independent school organizations will be exploring all legal and political avenues to protect the *Equity in Education Tax Credit*. It is always good for citizens to communicate with their elected representatives, so we encourage parents to contact their MPP and discuss the importance of the *EETC*.

Regardless of our quest to achieve educational justice, we know that our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Christian schools will continue to flourish by God's grace, with or without the support of the government of the day, and for that we give thanks.

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