



May 11, 2026

Tom Deelstra, President
Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation
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Re: Response to Resolutions Adopted at Annual General Meeting

Dear Mr. Deelstra,

Thank you for your letter of May 1, 2026, and for sharing the resolutions adopted at the Prince Edward Island Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting held on April 18. My Liberal colleagues and I appreciate the work your organization does to advocate for students, families, and school communities across Prince Edward Island, and we recognize the importance of the issues raised in these resolutions.

With respect to Resolution 2026-01 regarding the integration of outdoor play spaces and infrastructure into the provincial capital budgets, our caucus agrees that access to safe, inclusive, and well-maintained outdoor spaces plays an important role in supporting children's physical, social, and emotional well-being. As schools continue to face pressures related to growth, accessibility, and aging infrastructure, it is important that these considerations remain part of broader conversations around education planning and capital investment.

We also appreciate the concerns raised in Resolution 2026-03 regarding corporal punishment and the repeal of Section 43 of the *Criminal Code*. Ensuring that children are safe, respected, and supported in both educational and home environments is essential to their well-being. To that end, we support calls on the provincial government to update any relevant provincial legislation, regulations, and policies at the Department of Education and Early Years to prohibit all forms of physical punishment, and to provide support for positive, non-violent, and evidence-based tools for guidance and discipline.

As the Official Opposition, we are committed to continuing to advocate for policies that strengthen supports for children, students, and families across the province. Thank you again for taking the time to write and for sharing the priorities identified by your membership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Mitchell". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Robert Mitchell
Leader of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island