



ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF



Ontario Association of the Deaf hosts a Community Forum

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION PUTS DEAF STUDENTS AT RISK

When: Thursday, April 26th, 2007

Where: Nepean Sportsplex – Hall B
1701 Woodroffe Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario

Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Guest Speakers: **Chris Kenopic**, former CAD President and Chair of ASL Services for Deaf Children Ontario, **Roger St. Louis**, AOSF President, **Gary Malkowski** Former Parliamentary Assistant to Minister of Education and Training and Former MPP York East

* ASL-English & LSQ-French Interpreters will be present *

The Ontario Association of the Deaf (OAD), working with the Ottawa Deaf Centre (ODC), would like to invite you to attend their 8-Point Policy Forum. This event will highlight eight distinct points to encourage the government, the Deaf community and hearing allies to work together towards a better future for the Ontario Deaf community.

For more details, please contact ODC at (613) 667-0316 TTY, 667-0315 Voice or e-mail ottawadeafcentre@rogers.com



DID YOU KNOW...

- ◆ That Deaf children/students with cochlear implants are not allowed to learn ASL and begin exposure to an American Sign Language (ASL) environment?
- ◆ That no policy has been set for criteria for success and transition planning for Deaf children/students who are not succeeding in spoken language programs?
- ◆ That there is no ASL Proficiency Policy for Teachers of Deaf Students?
- ◆ That there is no Access and Accommodation Policy for Deaf students in the classroom (i.e. qualified educational sign language interpreters/educational assistants with ASL skills)?
- ◆ There is no anti-audism/anti-ableism policy in Provincial Schools for the Deaf and School Boards?
- ◆ There is intimidation and systemic discrimination against Deaf children/students/Deaf staff in educational system in Ontario?
- ◆ That fewer and fewer Deaf students attend post-secondary education institutions?
- ◆ That fewer and fewer Deaf students attend skills training?
- ◆ That fewer and fewer Deaf professionals and Deaf employees in the workplace?
- ◆ That there are more and more Deaf recipients of Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works?

We Call upon the Ministry of Education to adopt OAD's Eight Point Policy!
(see the attachment)

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Wayne Nicholson, OAD President; **Jennifer Jackson**, OAD Executive Director;
Roger St-Louis, AOSF President; **Chris Kenopic**, former CAD President and Chair

of ASL Services for Deaf Children Ontario; and **Gary Malkowski**, former MPP and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education.

Ottawa area MPPs have been invited to attend the Community Forum. Representatives from various agencies are invited to speak and media are confirmed to attend.

Directions from Highway 417

Take the Woodroffe exit and turn south. Proceed south about 3 kms. The Sportsplex is just past West Hunt Club Rd. intersection on the left (east side).

Directions from Highway 416

From Highway 416 (heading north from Hwy 401) Exit at West Hunt Club Rd. At the stop sign turn right onto Cedarview Rd. (south). Take the first left turn (east) onto West Hunt Club. Proceed east to Woodroffe Ave. , turn right (south), the Sportsplex is immediately on the left (east side).

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