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In response to John Tory puts faith in school religion, July 24

I was concerned to read of John Tory's invitation to Bill Davis to create a way for faith-based schools to be funded by public monies should the Progressive Conservatives win the next provincial election. The party's support for this is aimed at garnering votes from members of faith traditions by providing the same support to them as is available to Catholic schools. However, the decision made under Davis's leadership launched us in the direction of privileging particular segments of society that may not represent the beliefs or values of the whole.

The Catholic system receives public funding, yet it teaches doctrinal positions that discriminate against women and homosexual/transgendered individuals under the guise of "religious education." Rather than continuing to grant public monies to groups whose values are contrary to those widely held by Ontarians, the current Liberal government should make a move to withdraw funding for faith-based schools altogether.

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