

Media Coverage of PC Leader Jason Kenney Related to Bill 10

Short Version

Kenney says:

- No repeal of Bill 10
- Parents should be notified if a child joins a GSA
- Parents have a right to know what's going on with their kids at school
- Education premise should be that vast majority of parents are good, loving, caring people who have the best interests of their children at heart
- There are protocols to deal with bad or abusive parents
- NDP should take a less confrontational or adversarial approach to faith-based schools that reject GSA law and policies
- NDP should seek a sensitive compromise respecting parental authority and student safety

Various Media Articles:

Calgary Sun - [Jason Kenney talks gay-straight alliances, parents, and the NDP's approach with hold-out schools](#)

Alberta's NDP Caucus - [Kenney's Plan Means Repealing Bill 10](#)

Metro - [Jason Kenney outs himself, '... as extremist' on gay-straight alliances: Minister Eggen](#)

informed albertans - [Kenney vs Eggen: Who is outing themselves as "extremist"?](#)

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A: I have said that I would not repeal Bill 10, if that's what you're asking me. And I do, however, think that parents have a right to know what's going on with their kids in the schools unless the parents are abusive, in which case there are protocols to deal with bad parents. I don't think it's right to keep secrets from parents about challenges their kids are going through. The (inaudible) of the education system should be predicated on the presumption that the vast majority of parents are good, loving, caring people who have the best interests of their children at heart. And by the way, on gay rights issues I would point out that I'm the only immigration minister in history to create a specific refugee resettlement program for persecuted gay refugees – specifically from Iran but also from other countries. And gay refugee advocates have publicly praised me for being the most progressive immigration minister in Canadian history in helping them actually save real lives. Which seems to me, is sort of in the hierarchy of rights issues, saving human lives tends to be paramount.

Q: So if a student wants to join a GSA in a school, you think their parents should be notified?

A: I think...well I'll give you the practical example I'm thinking of. A mother approached me in January after a public town hall. She was quite distraught, and she told me that her 12-year-old autistic daughter had been put in to counselling and referred to as a boy, given a boy's name in school. But none of this information had been shared with the parents. So for months the child was being treated as a boy in school and as a girl at home, creating even more problems, confusion and tension. And eventually the parents learned about this by accident. And they were just