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MPP Jones Tables Anti-Bullying Resolution

(Queen's Park) – Progressive Conservative MPP Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon) has tabled an anti-bullying resolution that recognizes the efforts of Ontarians to fight against all forms of bullying.

Jones' resolution, if passed, would make December 17th 'Blue Day' which each year would acknowledge the efforts of students, educators, social workers and all citizens to eliminate bullying. This includes not only physical bullying, but verbal, social, emotional and cyber-bullying.

"Bullying hurts everyone, from children to adults," said Jones. "No one is immune to bullying. This resolution recognizes the hard work and best practices of organizations, families and students so that we can all work to eliminate unacceptable behaviour that leaves a permanent scar on individuals," said Jones.

Dufferin-Caledon is a leader in anti-bullying education. Family Transition Place's Violence Prevention Program is in local schools to teach children to identify bullying and techniques to stop it.

Jones' resolution would also raise awareness on where bullying can happen. Bullying is not exclusive to schools, but can occur in the work environment, in the home and in public places.

"Bullying can happen anywhere and anytime. It is not exclusive to schools, but can occur in the work environment, in the home and in public places," said Jones. "Ontarians need to continue working to eliminate bullying. This resolution engages politicians on what we can do to address bullying in our communities."

This is a national initiative of the BullyingCanada group. The province of New Brunswick has already passed a resolution declaring December 17th 'Blue Day'.

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