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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

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Dear CRTC Commissioner,

I would like to support SUN News Network's application for a mandatory carriage license. I \_\_\_\_ (do/do not) request to appear at the public hearing. The reference number for the application is #2012-0687-1.

We all know that education is key to a thriving, prosperous, and free society. That's why I feel strongly about allowing SUN News Network to be made available to all parents, regardless of income. Brian Lilley, Michael Coren, Charles Adler, Joe Warmington, John Robson, David Menzies, Faith Goldy, and Rebecca Thompson are all committed to informing parents about important educational issues. That's good for students, parents, schools and society as a whole.

Here are just a few of the reasons we need SUN's coverage of Ontario education:

#### **"Positive Spaces" campaign posters**



SUN News reporters were on the mark when they spotted the significance of the use of groupings of three rather than two stick-figure symbols in a recent poster campaign about relationships in the Toronto District School board. Brian Lilley called it an attempt to push the limits of social conventions in the direction of polyamory. When parents can't be in the schools at all times, we rely on SUN News to be our eyes and ears!

#### **Ontario's Separate School issues**

As parents of school-aged children, Brian Lilley and Michael Coren understand the issues facing Catholic schools. The thirty percent of the population who send their children to Catholic schools can rely on them to respectfully cover issues specific to the Catholic boards. PAFE appreciates Lilley's work this September, for example, on an Ottawa public school Trustee's call to merge the public and Catholic boards.



#### **Over-regulation of schools by the nanny state**

Who doesn't get tired of the schools legislating what students can eat, how hard they can throw balls on the playground, and how much garbage they generate? Brian Lilley, John Robson and

Charles Adler cover these topics with humor and common sense. The trend toward regulation has its more sinister side when it extends to over-reach into the parental role, as demonstrated by the case of Jesse Sansone, whose daughter's drawing of a gun landed him at the police station while his house was searched from top to bottom. Though other news outlets covered this story, SUN reporter Kris Sims dug deeply on this and uniquely captured a Waterloo board bureaucrat defending the board's over-reaction as the actions of a "co-parent". Since I for one never invited the school board to my wedding, I'm pleased to have SUN News out there reminding them that the only co-parent is...the other parent.

Please allow SUN the opportunity to reach parents who can't afford the privilege of paying extra for SUN but who want to watch educational developments only SUN carries. All parents contribute to the tax burden that supports our schools and all parents deserve to be informed about how the schools are supporting their children!

Sincerely,

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