

Dr. Ben Levin – April 2005

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In this address, Dr. Ben Levin begins by talking about the importance of the Ontario educator's work. He moves on to highlight what has been done by the Ontario Ministry of Education and then discusses areas that continue to be a challenge. He ends with a refocus on the moral purpose of educators across Ontario.

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Segments:

- 1...Introduction
- 2...The Challenges
- 3...Resources and Supports
- 4...Labour and Workload Issues
- 5...Education in Ontario as a Model
- 6...Conclusion

1...Introduction

(Length: 2 minutes)

Synopsis:

Levin thanks the many people who have helped organize this event.

2...The Challenges

(Length: 5 minutes)

Synopsis:

Levin shares his ideas of the importance of the challenge that all educators are faced with.

Look for the following:

- Richard Elmore's ideas on reciprocity

After viewing segment 2:

- What are Elmore's ideas on reciprocity?
- How can you apply this principle to your practice?

3...Resources and Supports

(Length: 4.5 minutes)

Synopsis:

Levin highlights the many initiatives and improvements that the Ministry of Education is involved in.

Look for the following:

- Ministry of Education's initiatives

After viewing segment 3:

- The Deputy Minister outlines a number of initiatives the government has taken regarding Education. Do you support the plan?
- Is enough being done (or too much)?
- What would you add or subtract? Why?

4...Labour and Workload Issues

(Length: 2.5 minutes)

Synopsis:

Levin shares his optimism regarding labour issues and discusses the further work that needs to be done when it comes to policy.

Look for the following:

- 4 year collective agreement between government and labour

After viewing segment 4:

- Levin states that he is very optimistic regarding labour peace and stability in education. Do you share his optimism? Why or why not?

5...Education in Ontario as a Model

(Length: 2 minutes)

Synopsis:

Levin shares his belief that Ontario will be looked towards as a model for educational excellence.

6...Conclusion

(Length: 1.5 minutes)

Synopsis:

Levin thanks his audience.