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“Teaching consent is a fundamental component of educating young people on the importance of respecting individual rights, reinforcing gender equality, and reducing sexual violence, especially against females,” says Blakeman. “The dual purposes of promoting sexual health and preparing young people for their role as responsible and respectful citizens are served by including consent in the curriculum.

“At the end of the day, students must understand that giving or refusing consent to sexual activity is absolutely necessary even within marital relationships, that no means no, and to ignore a person’s wishes is not only reprehensible, it is illegal.”

<http://www.albertaliberal.com/consent>

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Laurie Blakeman (AL—Edmonton-Centre): “Yesterday the Minister of Education and I helped the province take a very progressive step forward, and today I’d like to encourage him to come hand in hand with me and take another very progressive step forward by mandating the teaching of consent to young people as part of the school curriculum. Now, consent is fundamental in educating young people on the importance of individual rights, reinforcing gender equality, and reducing sexual violence, especially amongst females. To the Education minister: will he follow best practices and commit to putting the teaching of consent into the sex ed curriculum?”

<http://www.teachers.ab.ca/News%20Room/EyeOnTheLegislature/Highlights%20from%20the%20Assembly/2015/Spring-2015/Pages/Blakeman-seeks.aspx>

Youtube video, March 11, 2015

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RO-bPF9HFk4>