

Government gets straight Fs from MPP

By Bill Rea

Ontario school students are about to get their June report cards, so Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones decided last week to give the government one too.

And the government flunked.

Jones told the legislature last Wednesday she was giving the government Fs in three areas for its performance over the current legislative session, according to Hansard.

The government failed on the hydro file, she said.

"A recently released Liberal cabinet document shows that the Liberals are playing a political game, not solving systemic problems with hydro rates," she declared.

The government also came in below the line when it comes to management of the mental health crisis, according to Jones.

"We continue to hear about long wait-lists and higher rates of hospitalization of our youth due to mental health," she commented.

Jones also failed the government for not coming to a decision regarding the GTA West Corridor.

"It has been over a year since the advisory panel was established. Ontarians wait for a decision," she observed.

Jones cited other matters in which she said the government's work is incomplete, such as restoring Auditor General oversight on government advertising, addressing the growing debt, and taking action to address the lack of housing supply in the Greater Toronto Area.