

## Jones wants sustainable funding for autism help

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones has called on the Premier and her government to provide sustainable funding to autism and special needs service providers such as Yes I Can Nursery School.

“On October 3rd, I had the opportunity to visit Yes I Can Nursery School with my leader Patrick Brown,” Jones commented. “We heard from the school that they would no longer receive funding from the Ministry of Education.”

“The government has finally agreed to meet with Yes I Can, and it is imperative they offer sustainable funding to Yes I Can so they can continue providing the tremendous supports for children with autism and special needs,” Jones added. “The reality is, if this funding is not restored, Yes I Can Nursery School has two choices: eliminate the programs and services or ask parents who have children with special needs to pay more. If the government believes it's okay for parents to pay because their child has a special need, that is simply unacceptable.”

Jones also charged this government has threatened families of children with autism for years.

“The Premier needs to show she understands how important Yes I Can Nursery School is to her community and reinstate their funding,” Jones said.