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# Anti-bullying legislation introduced at Queen's Park

(Queen's Park) – Kitchener-Waterloo MPP Elizabeth Witmer has introduced sweeping legislation to confront the bullying problem in our schools.

"Mrs. Witmer deserves enormous credit for the leadership she has shown on this issue," said Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott.

Her bill, the *Anti Bullying Act, 2011*, is intended to strengthen the rules around reporting and investigating bullying incidents, ensure greater accountability, make certain education and publicity efforts are effective, and support remedial programs that work. The bill was presented in the Ontario Legislature on November 30.

A former Minister of Education, Elizabeth Witmer has long been an advocate for stronger measures to overcome bullying in Ontario's school system.

"She is offering to set aside the politics of the issue, and work together with the Government in a spirit of cooperation," Mr. Arnott added. "I hope the Government is prepared to respond in kind. This issue is too important to be turned into a political football."

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