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Dear Mr. Reansbury,

Thank you for your letter about our education system, and the importance of libraries, and for the opportunity to tell you about the ways *changebook* proposes to help Ontario students.

Public education is the great opportunity builder, giving kids from every Ontario family an equal start in life and the opportunity to succeed. I know this because I grew up in a family of teachers and the importance of education was discussed every day at the kitchen table. I carry these values with me to this day.

As a student, I spent a lot of time in my elementary and high school libraries reading books about important figures, ideas, and events that have shaped our history and that have helped define our culture and identity.

If I earn the honour of becoming the next Premier, I will put our students first and make our public education system even better. An Ontario PC government will provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century education for Ontario students. This is the only way to ignite student achievement, which has stalled under Dalton McGuinty.

We know vibrant school libraries improve student achievement. Yet, Dalton McGuinty has withheld millions in promised funding for e-resources and books, from school libraries. This is troublesome since, 32% of our Grade 3 and 6 students are still failing to master reading, writing and math.

It's time for change in Ontario. Change built on a focused plan that puts Ontario students first.



An Ontario PC government will increase investments in our kids' classrooms and the tools that help them learn, by \$2 billion over our first term. We will expand the use of technology in our schools, through exciting technologies like online learn-to-read applications or e-texts. We will implement full-day kindergarten for all 4 and 5 year olds, by 2014. We will free teachers to teach, giving them the support and discretion to do what they know is right for their own classroom. And we will reinstate fall report cards for elementary students.

To read more about the change we are proposing for Ontario students, I encourage you to visit [www.changebook.ca](http://www.changebook.ca) and to contact your local Ontario PC Candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hudak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Hudak  
Ontario PC Leader