

Hudak will derail all-day kindergarten despite promise, McGuinty claims ^[1]

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Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak cannot be trusted to implement all-day kindergarten if he wins the Oct. 6 election, warns Premier Dalton McGuinty.

In a campaign-style event Wednesday at Lambton Park Community School in west-end Toronto, McGuinty told reporters that Hudak's weekend pledge to continue the phase-in of full-day junior and senior kindergarten by 2014 is not credible.

Repeatedly asked if the Tory leader were "lying" or is "a liar," the premier would only say: "You can use whatever words you want. I'm going to allow people to draw their own conclusions."

McGuinty reminded Ontarians that Hudak voted against the kindergarten expansion and called it a "frill" and a "shiny new car."

"What kind of an unwavering, firm commitment to this program does that represent? It doesn't," he said.

"Who do you trust when it comes to your schools?" asked McGuinty, who admitted he has not yet looked at the new 34-page \$7.2-billion PC platform, entitled Changebook.

Tory MPP Jim Wilson (Simcoe-Grey) said he was "shocked that he hasn't read our platform yet he has all kinds of comments on it."

"We've clearly said in our Changebook that we will support full-day kindergarten," said Wilson.

Local York South-Weston NDP candidate Paul Ferreira, whose party also backs the kindergarten plan, said McGuinty sounds "spooked."

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