



*"A healthy English-speaking community in
a secure French-speaking Quebec.
A strong Quebec in a united Canada."*

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RESOLUTION ON SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE

Recalling section 23 (1) of the Constitution Act, 1982 (Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms) which confers minority language educational rights;

Noting Mahe v. Alberta (1992) which clearly defines minority language educational rights, including the right to manage and control minority language community educational facilities;

Reaffirming the fundamental link between Quebec's English schools and the English-speaking communities they serve;

Reaffirming support for the principles and recommendations contained in the Election Systems Study Panel 2015, which consulted widely throughout the English linguistic minority community;

Noting Bill 86, An Act to modify the organization and governance of school boards to give schools a greater say in decision-making and ensure parents' presence within each school board's decision-making body, – if enacted –will confer powers to the Minister of Education that would encroach on areas exclusive to minority language educational rights holders;

Noting further that the Government of Quebec has offered no pressing and substantial need to amend the current sound, efficient, and successful system of school governance;

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1. Rejects Bill 86, An Act to modify the organization and governance of school boards to give schools a greater say in decision-making and ensure parents' presence within each school board's decision-making body;
2. Demands that the Government of Quebec acknowledge its duty to support and respect Quebecers' minority language educational rights;
3. Demands that the Government of Quebec formally recognize, and enter into a formal and comprehensive consultation with the English linguistic minority community to identify and address our legitimate right to control and manage our institutions.

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