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Opposition Leaders call upon the President of the National Assembly to exercise his responsibilities to all Quebecers

MONTREAL, FEBRUARY 7, 2020 – The Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) deplores the manner in which the CAQ Government is abusing its power by invoking closure on Bill 40; *An Act to amend mainly the Education Act with regard to school organization and governance*.

In a letter to the President of the National Assembly Wednesday, the Premier of the province has decided to cease all debate on the future of public education in Québec and has decided to invoke closure.

“All opposition Leaders are asking that the President of the National Assembly to intervene in order to respect the broadest form of democracy in our society,” said QESBA President Dan Lamoureux.

The National Assembly represents the foundation of democracy in Québec. We ask you, Mr. President, to intervene so that an exceptional mechanism in the form of closure cannot be used in the blue room to eviscerate a level of democratically elected government that has existed for 150 years in Québec. We therefore ask, that you suspend the government's request on behalf of all Quebecers,” concluded the President.

QESBA is the voice of English public education in Québec and represents 100,000 students in 340 elementary, high schools, and adult and vocational centres across Québec.

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