

January 28, 2016

RE: BILL 86

Mr. François Blais
Minister of Education, Higher Education and Research
Édifice Marie-Guyart
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Quebec (Quebec), G1R 5A5

Dear Minister Blais,

I write to you as a taxpayer of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) to express my serious concern with your plan to modify the organization and governance of school boards as outlined in draft Bill 86.

Beyond its anti-democratic foundation that both removes duly elected officials from office and makes it difficult – even unlikely that tax-payers will be allowed to vote in school board elections of the future, Bill 86 is an assault on the minority Anglophone language community of Quebec.

Anglophone school boards across the province boast some of the best success rates in the province. The SWLSB is proud to lead the Quebec rankings with an 85.2% success rate.

This accomplishment is the direct result of our community's commitment to our English school and to the Anglophone community they serve. We take our responsibility to control and manage our English school system in Quebec very seriously. It is also our right under the Canadian Constitution.

As a tax-payer and as a minority language citizen of Quebec, I must insist upon my right to freely and fairly elect my board representative without government interference.

As such, I call on you and the Liberal Party of Quebec to withdraw Bill 86.

Respectfully,



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Mother of 2 boys at Morin Heights Elementary School

c.c. L'honorable Philippe Couillard, premier ministre
Mme Jennifer Maccarone, présidente, commission scolaire Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier ←
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