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RESOLUTION 2016/01

SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE: BILL 86

WHEREAS 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*, was introduced at the National Assembly of Quebec on December 4, 2015; and

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

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada decision *Mahe v. Alberta* (1990) clearly defines minority language educational rights, including the right to manage and control their minority language community education system and educational facilities; and

WHEREAS the minority linguistic community takes its right to control and manage its schools very seriously and Bill 86 if enacted, will confer powers to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sport that would remove control and management on areas exclusive to minority language educational rights holders; and

WHEREAS English school boards across Quebec post some of the best success rates in the province and given that the Government of Quebec has offered no pressing and substantial need to amend the current sound, efficient, and successful system of school governance in these English-language school boards;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. demands that the Government of Quebec acknowledge its duty to support, defend and respect minority language educational rights; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. recommends that the Government of Quebec withdraw Bill 86; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. insists that the Government of Quebec formally enter into a comprehensive consultation with the English linguistic minority community to identify and address our legitimate right to control and manage our institutions.

DESTINATIONS:

Prime Minister of Canada
Premier of Quebec
Minister of Canadian Heritage
Quebec Minister of Education, Recreation and Sport
MNA members of the Committee on Culture and Education
Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada
Quebec English School Boards Association
Quebec Community Groups Network
English Parents' Committee Association
Coalition for the Future of English Education in Quebec (COFFEE-Quebec)
Advisory Board on English Education
Fédération des comités de parents du Québec
Canadian Home and School Federation
Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers
Quebec Provincial Association of Retired School Educators
Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network
The Honourable Marlene Jennings
Richard Y. Bourhis, Professor