

RESOLUTION 2021-02

**EVALUATION, IMPROVEMENTS, AND INVESTMENTS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

**WHEREAS** the 2020-2021 COVID-19 pandemic has brought to the foreground long standing deficiencies in school buildings across Québec; and

**WHEREAS** these deficiencies may include but are not limited to: air quality due to poor ventilation, the presence of mold, asbestos, or radon and non-potable water; and

**WHEREAS** natural ventilation (opening windows) is not always a practical solution in Québec winters, and the use of bottled water is not environmentally responsible; and

**WHEREAS** students and school staff have a right to well-ventilated spaces with uncontaminated air and access to potable water.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. demands that the Minister of Education of Québec and, where applicable, the implicated municipalities (water), conduct air quality, ventilation, and water tests in all school buildings, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. demands that these tests be conducted by independent companies free of political bias, that the test results be compared to international standards, and that the test results be made public; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. urges the Minister of Education of Québec or the municipality (if applicable) to make immediate financial investments to resolve the issues that affect the health of students and school staff in school buildings.

**Background:**

QFHSA Resolutions: 1994/12 School Hygiene

2010/06 Budget for Indoor Air Quality in Schools

2015/03 School and School Yard Maintenance