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## **QFHSA Board of Directors Shocked at CAQ Attack on McGill, Concordia, and Bishop's**

**MONTREAL, QUEBEC, Friday, October 20, 2023** — At the October meeting of the QFHSA Board of Directors held yesterday evening, directors expressed shock and dismay at the announcement made Friday, October 13th, 2023, by Pascale Déry, Minister of Higher Education of Québec, that the cost of studying at an English university in Québec could double beginning in the fall of 2024 for out-of-province and international students.

Jean-François Roberge, who had previously been Minister of Higher Education from October 18th, 2018, to June 22nd, 2020, before being replaced, stated that the new rates will help to stop the decline of French, particularly in Montreal. Universities will also retain the right to charge an additional discretionary amount according to their international recruitment strategy and priorities. M. Roberge now holds the cabinet portfolios of Minister of the French Language as well as Minister Responsible for Canadian Relations and the Canadian Francophonie, Secularism, Democratic Institutions, and Access to Information and Privacy since October 20th, 2022.

Once again, the CAQ government has delivered an unexpected and far-reaching proposal without the benefit of meaningful consultation procedures, whose implementation will result in a further weakening of both Montreal's labour force and our international reputation as an education hub.

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