



Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Resolutions Adopted at the 2024 Annual General Meeting

Resolution 2024-05: Cellphone Ban

WHEREAS the Government of Québec has ruled that all public elementary and secondary schools must have a policy restricting the use of cellphones in classrooms effective December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS school boards and school service centres will be responsible for establishing these rules and penalties; and

WHEREAS several countries have banned cellphones on school grounds for students of certain ages; and

WHEREAS these jurisdictions have found very positive outcomes as students are less distracted, more engaged, and show academic improvement and increased social interaction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.** supports a ban restricting cellphone use in the classroom; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.** suggests that rather than penalties, the focus be placed on promoting responsible use of cellphones by educating students on such topics as phone etiquette, media literacy, technology addiction, reputable source recognition, safety, and security.