

Minority Parents Excluded From Linguistic School Proposal: AQ

MONTREAL, September 25 --An oversight in Bill 107 leaves minority English Catholic and French Protestant parents without secured representation on the Provisional Confessional Councils.

'We find this omission unacceptable.' said Micheal Hamelin, President of Alliance Quebec.

When linguistic school boards take effect, as early as next year, these minority parents may find themselves voted out of a voice, unless their presence on the councils is secured through legislation.

'We do not believe that this was a deliberate omission' said Hamelin.

Alliance Quebec is confident that this oversight will be corrected by the Minister of Education; however, a representative of the Baldwin Cartier School Board has already suggested that legal action will be taken, should the matter fail to be addressed.

Pauline Marois has called parents 'the principal agents of change.'

She should secure that right for all parents through the swift amendment of Bill 107.