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## **QFHSA Celebrates Successful Negotiations Regarding Sections of Bill 23**

**MONTREAL, QUEBEC, Thursday, November 30, 2023** — The members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. (QFHSA)** congratulate the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) on their recent successful negotiations with the Minister of Education of Québec, which resulted in Monsieur Bernard Drainville agreeing to an amendment to: Bill 23, *An Act to amend mainly the Education Act and to enact the Act respecting the Institut national d'excellence en éducation*.

This amendment delays the coming into force in the nine English school boards of Québec of thirteen sections of Bill 23 until the Government of Québec adopts a separate cabinet decree. The provisions which are included in this amendment suspend their application in the network of English school boards of those sections related to school board governance which the QESBA identified as infringements on the constitutional rights to control and manage the English education system:

- The appointment and removal of directors general by the government (and related provisions)
- The power of the Minister of Education to annul decisions of school boards or make a decision for the school board at the Minister of Education's initiative
- The obligation for school boards to conclude an annual "management and accountability agreement" with the Minister of Education.

The QFHSA also appreciates Monsieur Bernard Drainville's willingness to consult and compromise—without which this outcome would not have been possible—and looks forward to further productive dialogues between the Government of Québec and our minority Anglophone community.

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