

# English-Speaking Quebecers: Views on School Boards



# Introduction

What do English-speaking Quebecers think about the current state of affairs in their home province? This five-part study is based on one of the largest surveys of opinion conducted to-date of Quebec English-speakers.

Conducted by Léger Marketing for the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN), the Community Economic Development and Employability Corporation (CEDEC), the Quebec English School Board Association (QESBA) and the Association for Canadian Studies (ACS), the survey was conducted via web panel between August 29 and September 4, 2019.

The poll sampled 1, 937 Quebecers which included 1019 English-speaking Quebecers, 773 French-speaking Quebecers and 144 persons whose first language is neither English nor French. The survey has a margin of error of 2.5 19 times out of 20.

# 82% of English-speaking Quebecers say English language school boards are important to them

## English Language School Boards are important to me

	Total	French	English	Other
<b>NET AGREE</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>73%</b>
Strongly Agree	17%	6%	56%	50%
Somewhat agree	22%	21%	26%	23%
<b>NET DISAGREE</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>17%</b>
Somewhat Disagree	28%	32%	9%	6%
Strongly Disagree	25%	31%	4%	6%
I prefer not to answer	8%	9%	4%	4%

# The majority of Quebecers do not support the Quebec governments plan to abolish English language school boards

## I support the Government of Quebec's stated intention of eliminating English language school boards

	Total	French	English	Other
<b>NET AGREE</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>16%</b>
Strongly agree	17%	20%	7%	7%
Somewhat agree	21%	24%	11%	10%
<b>NET DISAGREE</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>80%</b>
Somewhat disagree	27%	31%	13%	17%
Strongly disagree	27%	17%	64%	63%
I prefer not to answer	8%	9%	5%	3%

# A majority of Quebecers agree that school boards should be elected by the population at large

## School boards should be elected by the population at large

	Total	French	English	Other
<b>NET AGREE</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>71%</b>
Strongly Agree	20%	17%	36%	29%
Somewhat agree	38%	38%	34%	42%
<b>NET DISAGREE</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>21%</b>
Somewhat Disagree	19%	20%	15%	14%
Strongly Disagree	11%	12%	5%	7%
I prefer not to answer	12%	13%	10%	8%

# 72% of English-speaking Quebecers agree that English language school boards should remain independent from the Government of Quebec

## English language school boards should remain independent from the Government of Quebec

	Total	French	English	Other
<b>NET AGREE</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>67%</b>
Strongly Agree	17%	10%	47%	39%
Somewhat agree	22%	20%	25%	28%
<b>NET DISAGREE</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>28%</b>
Somewhat Disagree	32%	36%	16%	20%
Strongly Disagree	21%	25%	7%	8%
I prefer not to answer	9%	10%	5%	6%



# Over 80% of English-speaking Quebecers believe that eliminating English language school boards will put minority language rights at risk

## In Quebec, eliminating English language school boards will put minority language rights at risk

	Total	French	English	Other
<b>NET AGREE</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>81%</b>
Strongly Agree	21%	10%	61%	56%
Somewhat agree	28%	28%	23%	25%
<b>NET DISAGREE</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>15%</b>
Somewhat Disagree	27%	32%	8%	9%
Strongly Disagree	16%	19%	4%	6%
I prefer not to answer	9%	11%	4%	3%