

Resolution 2024-02 : The Far-Reaching Effects of Tuition Fee Increases on Québec’s English Universities

WHEREAS the Government of Québec has mandated that as of the 2024-2025 academic year, Canadian students coming from outside the province will pay a minimum of \$12,000 in tuition fees; and

WHEREAS the increase has been rationalized by the Government of Québec as a measure to reduce the decline of French and “correct the financial imbalance between the anglophone and francophone university network and ensure a better retention and integration rate of Canadian and international students to Quebec society;”¹ and

WHEREAS students will be less inclined to come and experience Québec culture and the French language and consequently there will be fewer students studying and settling in Québec, fewer students contributing their skills to Quebec society, and there will be a significant negative economic impact on the cities of Montréal and Sherbrooke as well as the universities themselves; and

WHEREAS this would have the effect of making other Canadian universities more attractive alternatives and also lower Québec’s position in the World University Rankings, potentially limiting Québec’s ability to attract professors and secure grants and fellowships; and

WHEREAS the self-image of Québec as a welcoming society is being called into question; and

WHEREAS the damage has already been demonstrated in the marked decrease in applications received by English-speaking universities in Québec for 2024-2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.** urges the Government of Québec to reverse the decision to increase the tuition fees for out-of-province students.

1 From Higher Education Minister Pascale Déry’s letter of December 14, 2023, to the heads of Québec’s English-language universities.

Destinations:

Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages
Quebec Minister of Education
Senate Standing Committee on Official Languages
Federal Members of Parliament in Quebec
Members of the National Assembly
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Official Languages

Quebec English School Boards Association
Quebec Minister of the French Language
Quebec Community Groups Network