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## **The QFHSA Welcomes the Appointment of a Federal Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia**

**MONTREAL, QUEBEC, Monday, February 6, 2023** — The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. (QFHSA) welcomes Amira Elghawaby as the newly appointed federal special representative on combatting Islamophobia in the wake of the growing discrimination and hate crimes our Muslim communities face.

Canada is a richly diverse country that is home to many cultures, religions, and races. The QFHSA strongly believes that acceptance and understanding are learned from a young age, both at home and at school. It is therefore of utmost importance that our multicultural reality be reflected in our curricula and represented in our children's role models— including those in public service positions and **especially** their teachers.

To that end, in June 2021, the QFHSA adopted a resolution to “[Request to Revise and Improve the Secondary III and Secondary IV History of Quebec and Canada Curriculum](#)” in response to the Minister of Education's new history curricula. Further, in June 2022, the QFHSA adopted a resolution to “[Request to Maintain Race, Religion, and Culture as Central Themes in the Proposed Citizenship Course](#)” in response to the decision to replace the *Ethics and Religious Culture* program with a *Culture and Citizenship in Quebec* program.

At a time when our minority communities' contributions to our society are being minimized and their rights increasingly restricted, the QFHSA supports the federal government's initiative and encourages the creation of other such positions.

***Ignorance and fear can most effectively be countered  
with education and experience.***

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