

## **AQ Pleased by Superior Court Ruling Which Strikes Down Part of Quebec's Language Law**

**Montreal Friday, December 15, 2000** – Alliance Quebec was pleased to learn that Quebec Superior Court Judge Danielle Grenier struck down part of Quebec's language law ruling that there is a fundamental incompatibility between the federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Quebec's Charter of the French Language.

"This is indeed good news for the all Quebecers," said Alliance Quebec president Anthony Housefather.

"The Quebec government, in its application of the Charter of the French language, has made it impossible for many parents to choose the language of schooling for their children," continued Housefather. "This decision allows parents who were not educated in English within Canada, including French-speaking parents, to register their children in non-subsidized private schools for a one year period and then benefit from the English public system."

"It is only natural that parents should have the right to choose the language of schooling for their children as opposed to government determining it for them," concluded Housefather. "This is indeed a step in the right direction."

For almost two decades, Alliance Quebec has been at the forefront of the debate on access to English language education offering guidance, support and advice to parents seeking to send their children to English schools in Quebec.