



Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Resolutions Adopted at the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Resolution 2023-04: Maintain Sexuality Education as a Separate Program

WHEREAS both the existing and proposed Sexuality Education programs lack specific materials and/or resources readily available to the teachers, which results in inconsistent education to the students due to teachers having to produce or find their own materials and/or resources; and

WHEREAS both the existing and proposed Sexuality Education programs lack specific material and/or resources to share with parents and guardians, preventing them from preparing their children for the highly personal and sensitive conversations involved and making them more apprehensive of the content being taught; and

WHEREAS neither the existing nor proposed Sexuality Education programs offer separate gender-based lessons, which can cause students to feel uncomfortable and/or intimidated enough to prevent them from being honest and asking important questions they may have; and

WHEREAS imbedding the Sexuality Education program in the new *Culture and Citizenship in Québec* program makes it more likely to be taught by teachers who are not qualified and/or comfortable with the subject matter, affecting the quality of education children will receive; and

WHEREAS imbedding the Sexuality Education program in the new *Culture and Citizenship in Québec* program will make it even more difficult for parents to opt out of certain lessons.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.** recommends that the Minister of Education of Québec maintain Sexuality Education as a separate program; and

THEREFORE be it further resolved that the **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.** recommends that the Minister of Education of Québec return to having the biology-based portion of the program taught by qualified medical professionals in separate gender-based lessons; and

THEREFORE be it also further resolved that the **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.** urges the Minister of Education of Québec to make available to parents a comprehensive guidebook to the program – in both English and French – and also a more transparent and accessible exemption process.

