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The QFHSA Board of Directors Unanimously Supports the Bill 40 Judgment

MONTREAL, QUEBEC, Monday, August 14, 2023 — The Board of Directors of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. overwhelmingly supports the Judgment on Bill 40 delivered on August 2nd, 2023, by the Honourable Sylvain Lussier, Justice of the Superior Court of the Province of Québec. The decision to fully endorse the Bill 40 Judgment was made by the QFHSA Board of Directors during its regular monthly meeting, held on August 12th, 2023.

Bill 40, *An Act to amend mainly the Education Act with regard to school organization and governance*, had been passed by the National Assembly of Québec, received assent, and came into effect, with some exceptions, on February 8th, 2020.

The QFHSA Board of Directors thanks Justice Lussier for providing a detailed history of the jurisprudence relating to minority language education rights in Québec and Canada, and for his significant contribution therein. His decision will have a great impact not only on English-speaking Quebecers but also on French-speaking Canadians in the other nine provinces and three territories.

Furthermore, the QFHSA Board of Directors congratulates the team from Juristes Power Law, Me. Giacomo Zucchi, Me. Perri Ravon, Me. Mark Power, and Me. Audrey Mayrand, for their excellent work as counsel for the plaintiffs.

The QFHSA Board of Directors also expresses its admiration for the commitment and courage shown by the Quebec English School Boards Association and its nine English School Board members in insisting that the Ministry of Education and the Government of Québec respect Article 23 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* regarding minority language education rights.

The QFHSA Board of Directors would also remind the Minister of Education that the *Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.*—representing parents of Home & School Associations in 84 schools across the province—has repeatedly requested to be consulted as a partner in education.

About Us: *The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. (QFHSA) is an independent, incorporated, not for profit volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the education and general well-*

being of children and youth. Since 1944, the QFHSA has been promoting the involvement of parents, students, educators, and the community at large in the advancement of learning and acting as a voice for parents. For more information on the QFHSA, please visit qfhsa.org, follow us on [Facebook.com/qfhsa](https://www.facebook.com/qfhsa) and [Twitter @QFHSA](https://twitter.com/QFHSA).

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