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The Provincial Government Makes It Difficult to Offer Praise!

MONTREAL, QUÉBEC, Wednesday, September 13, 2023 — It isn't often that the Board of Directors of the **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations (QFHSA)** finds itself in agreement with the current administration, and so the recent announcement regarding a new road safety plan, which is to focus largely on safety measures in school zones, came as a pleasant surprise. This organization's advocacy for the well-being of children—academically, emotionally, and physically—is documented in the many resolutions it has passed in its almost 80-year history.

Before the QFHSA could take advantage of this rare opportunity to commend one of the government's initiatives, however, its enthusiasm was tempered and any hopes of a continued alignment of goals were dashed by another, more significant announcement.

The government's disappointing decision to appeal Superior Court Justice Sylvain Lussier's very thorough, very well-researched judgement on Bill 40 represents both a senseless waste of taxpayer money and a bitter contempt for linguistic minorities and the laws that protect them.

The QFHSA remains grateful to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for its steadfast dedication to standing up for English-language minority rights in the face of such opposition, and offers its support in the regrettable battle to come.

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 wellbeing 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 <u>afhsa.org</u>, follow us on <u>Facebook.com/qfhsa</u> and <u>Twitter @QFHSA</u>.

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