



English Parents' Committee Association
Association des comités de parents anglophone

EPCA calls on the government to put in road safety safeguards around schools.

Montreal, 7 March 2023 – The English Parents' Committee Association of Quebec (EPCA) supports the Make School Zone Safe Initiative and encourages all parents to organize protests in front of Quebec's English schools on March 15, 2023.

Deeply moved by Mariia's death in downtown Montreal last December and the tragedy at a Laval daycare, EPCA President Katherine Korakakis is urging the Quebec government to address child safety immediately.

"It is unacceptable that in 2023, parents are afraid to send their children to school on foot or by bike, and that they see road safety violations every day near schools, daycares, and parks. The government must put in place safeguards to prevent incidents like this from occurring."

Ms. Korakakis supports the plan to rally all parents on March 15 to call for an increase in funding for road safety, the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Mobility Policy to adopt a "zero accident vision," and adjustments to development standards intended to shift the paradigm from "all to the car" to the advantage of the most vulnerable road users, as outlined in the Highway Safety Code.

"On March 15, let's send a clear message to the government that it's time to do its duty and make a change. Every accident is one too many," concludes Ms. Korakakis.

Details on how to join the movement on March 15 prior to the start of the first bell:

- Register your School for March 15 <https://bit.ly/3KZSB1Z>
- Interactive Map of School Rallies <http://bit.ly/3EYvCjK>
- Facebook event <http://bit.ly/3YqHWR1>
- Video <https://youtu.be/bIZkmJhp48E>

About the English Parents' Committee Association (EPCA)

EPCA is a coalition of parent committees from English-language school boards across Quebec and is the official voice of parents of students in Quebec English-language school boards, representing nearly 100,000 students in the youth sector.

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