



English Parents' Committee Association
Association des comités de parents anglophones

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EPCA Thrilled with Quebec Court of Appeal Ruling Upholding Minority Language Educational Rights

Montreal, April 3, 2025— The English Parents' Committee Association (EPCA) is *thrilled* by today's landmark decision by the Quebec Court of Appeal, which firmly upholds the rights of Quebec's English-speaking community to manage and control its own educational institutions. In a resounding affirmation of minority language rights, the Court has struck down key provisions of Bill 40, declaring them unconstitutional for Quebec's English-speaking community. This decisive ruling protects the democratic right of parents and the English-speaking minority to manage and control their own schools, as guaranteed under Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"This is a *historic victory*," said EPCA President Katherine Korakakis, "not just for parents, but for every member of our community who believes in shaping our children's future. The Court's decision is a powerful reminder that our voices matter, and our right to govern our schools is non-negotiable."

EPCA applauds the Court's clarity, courage, and commitment to constitutional principles, and looks forward to working with stakeholders across Quebec to continue building strong, responsive, and inclusive English-language institutions.

The English Parents' Committee Association, the EPCA, is a coalition of parents' committees of Quebec's English school boards; it represents nearly 100,000 students in the young anglophone sector. EPCA is a non-profit association funded by the Ministry of Education (MEQ). The EPCA advocates for public education in English in Quebec and lobbies for questions that concern members of our parent committee.

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