

Governing Board of Wakefield Elementary School Resolution Regarding draft Bill 86

WHEREAS draft BILL 86: An Act to modify the organization and governance of school boards, was introduced at the National Assembly of Québec on December 4th, 2015;

WHEREAS Section 23 of the *Canadian Constitution* confers minority language education rights;

WHEREAS *Mahe v. Alberta 1990* clearly defines that minority language groups have the right to manage and control their education system and facilities;

WHEREAS the English schools are the fundamental hub of the English speaking communities they serve;

WHEREAS the *Jennings Report: the Election System Study Panel 2015*, makes excellent recommendations to the Minister including allowing parent Commissioners the right to vote;

WHEREAS Bill 86 would confer all powers over English school boards to the Minister of Education – which is unconstitutional;

WHEREAS English school boards across the province boast some of the best success rates in the province;

WHEREAS the English community takes its responsibility to control and manage its schools very seriously;

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec has offered no reason to validate the changes proposed in draft Bill 86;

It was moved by Colleen Gifford and resolved that the Governing Board of Wakefield Elementary School:

1. Reject Bill 86: An Act to modify the organization and governance of school boards;
2. Demand that the Government of Quebec acknowledge its duty to support and respect the constitutional rights of Anglophone Quebecers;
3. Demand that the Government of Quebec formally withdraw draft Bill 86.

Vote Result : 6 in favour (unanimous)

Governing Board Chair's Signature: Guenell

Date: February 3, 2016