

DECLINING ENROLMENTS

**ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PUBLIC  
EDUCATION:**

**INTRIGUING NUMBERS**

## PREAMBLE

- **Statistics Canada does not record Law 101 qualification, therefore, English-language school eligibility**
- **The litmus test of our communities vitality is not only recorded in the success of our students, but in our enrollment numbers**
- **The evolving family structure is best reflected in the changing demographics of our schools**

# According to the 2011 Census

- In Quebec, 51% of children with at least one English-speaking parent are not registered in an English-language school
- Of all children attending an English school more than 70% are in some form of a French Immersion Program.

## According to the 2011 Census cont'd

- Children whose parent's mother tongue is English are less likely (46%) to attend an Immersion program than those whose parents mother tongue is a language other than English or French (57%)

## According to the 2011 Census cont'd

- Of the 112,700 children with one parent schooled in an English school **at both levels, elementary and secondary** 66% are registered in an English school
- The proportion of children registered in elementary school (44%) is lower than the proportion registered at the secondary (55%)

# Family structure 2011 Census cont'd

- Of the 32,500 children whose Anglophone parent has an Anglophone spouse or partner, 78% are registered in English schools.
- However, when the spouse or partner of the Anglophone parent is Francophone, only 37% are registered in English schools.

# SITUATION

- 2011 Census results show that an increasing number of families with one or two English-eligible parents are choosing French-language schools for their children.
- Validated by the research. “Parents are choosing schooling, which in their opinion will facilitate the socialization of their children in Quebec society which they see as French.”\*

\*Statistics Canada (Linguistic Characteristics of Canadians)

# SITUATION

- As we improve the teaching of French as a second language to meet the parents desire for more French instruction, the more “our” students leave for Secondary schooling in French sector and the faster our decline accelerates. It has become a “Catch 22”.



# FACTS

- **5** of the top **10** School Boards in Quebec with declining enrolments are English
- CQSB is the fastest declining school board in Quebec with a **3.77%** rate of decline
- 2012-13 Kindergarten enrolment: MELS Projection 7668 students, Reality: 6780 (-900)
- 2006 Census: **66%** of Primary school students were enrolled in Immersion
- 2006 Census: **35%** of Secondary School students were enrolled in a form of Intensive French
- 2011 Census: **83%** of Primary school students were enrolled in Immersion
- 2011 Census: **62%** of Secondary School students were enrolled in a form of Intensive French
- **6** of the top **10** performing school boards in Quebec are English!