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Resolution 2015/03 SCHOOL AND SCHOOL YARD MAINTENANCE

Adopted at AGM, May 2, 2015

WHEREAS the maintenance, cleanliness and general appearance of schools and school yards (poorly washed floors, paint peeling off the walls, uncut grass) has deteriorated significantly over the past few years; and

WHEREAS the lack of sanitation in school surroundings can contribute to an increase in gastrointestinal illnesses, asthmatic reactions and urinary tract infections; and

WHEREAS badly maintained schools, school yards, school washrooms and classrooms can result in diminished morale for children and staff; and

WHEREAS unclean surroundings and the poor maintenance of school buildings, school furnishings, school washrooms and school yards with limited access to outdoor play can negatively affect academic performance; and

WHEREAS a well maintained school and school yard can increase a student's sense of responsibility for his/her environment; and

WHEREAS schools should be modeling safe and hygienic practices; and

WHEREAS in 1990 both Canada and Quebec signed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and ratified it in 1991, and that both governments must act at all times in compliance with the CRC and in the best interest of the child (Art. 1), ensuring children the highest standard of health (art. 24), a standard of living adequate for the child's full development (art. 27) and that the child's education be directed to the development of the child's fullest abilities (art. 29) and specifically to the development of respect for the natural environment (art. 29e); and

WHEREAS school custodians should receive proper training on methods to clean and disinfect the school, school washrooms, classrooms, and school yard; and

WHEREAS winter conditions in Canada create a serious risk to health and safety of students, staff, and families who access the school if access paths and school yards are not cleared of ice and snow; and

WHEREAS schools and school yards are part of a larger community and, badly maintained, have direct detrimental effect in influencing parents' choice of school, and community morale;





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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Québec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. ask the Ministre de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche (Quebec) to assure that schools comply with the applicable standards for school cleanliness and school yard maintenance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Québec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. urge the Ministre de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche (Quebec) to increase the budget allotment for school and school yard maintenance in order to facilitate healthier school environments without removing funds from any other school budgets.

DESTINATIONS:

- Premier of Quebec and Minister responsible for Youth Issues
- Ministre de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche, (Quebec) et Ministre responsable du Loisir et du Sport
- Minister of Health and Social Services
- Minister for Rehabilitation, Youth Protection and Public Health
- Minister of Families and Minister responsible for Anti-Bullying
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy
- Council of Ministers of Education, Canada
- Minister of Health of Canada
- Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages of Canada
- Canadian Home and School Federation
- Advisory Board on English Education in Quebec
- Quebec English School Boards Association
- Commission scolaire Littoral School Board
- Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec
- Association of Administrators of English Schools of Quebec
- Association des cadres scolaires du Québec
- Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers
- Fédération des syndicats de l'enseignement
- Fédération autonome de l'enseignement
- English Parents' Committee Association
- Fédération des comités de parents du Québec
- Quebec Community Groups Network
- Coalition for the Future of English Education in Quebec
- Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM)
- Union des municipalités du Québec
- Fédération des CEGEPS
- L'Association des garderies privées du Québec (AGPQ)

