

RESOLUTION 2017-05

Submitted by St Thomas Home and School Association

SOFTWARE CODING

Whereas software based technology permeates our society, and though most students today learn how to use and manipulate technology, few students learn how it works; and

Whereas without understanding how software works, students will have a limited understanding of how the inter-connected world around them works; and

Whereas teaching students how to code will give them a skill for life; and be an integrable educational tool; and

Whereas acquired software coding knowledge will lead to many transferable job skills in the future; and

* **Whereas** several countries/provinces have already introduced software coding in their curriculum (England 2013, Nova Scotia 2015, British Columbia 2016)

Therefore Be It Resolved that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. urges the Quebec Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports to integrate software coding Education as a compulsory part of the Quebec curriculum, including professional development for teachers; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. urges the Quebec Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports to engage concerted and cooperative efforts among all stakeholders to provide software coding skills to elementary, secondary and post-secondary level students.

Destination: Ministère de l'Éducation et Enseignement supérieur (MEES) Quebec

For information to: Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA)
English Parents' Community Association (EPCA)
Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers (QPAT)

*Add reference to England, Nova Scotia and British Columbia.

List of destinations to be determined by RER committee of the QFHSA