



May 20, 2015

Mr. Pierre Chouinard, President
English Parents' Committee Association (EPCA)
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Subject: Support for the Quebec English Special Education Committee (QESEC)

Dear Mr. Chouinard,

The Special Needs Parent Commissioners and the Executives of the Special Needs Advisory Committees of the Quebec English School Boards have united to form the Quebec English Special Education Committee (QESEC) in order to present a unified voice to MELS and share best practices among the Special Needs parent communities.

Given that parents of students with special needs do not have a dedicated parents' committee to represent their specific realities, QESEC provides a unique forum for parents of students with special needs to share information and address the challenges facing all of the Special Needs Advisory Committees.

The Special Needs Advisory Committee of the Lester B. Pearson School Board supports the establishment of QESEC and its efforts to work in the spirit of collaboration to support our most vulnerable students.

It is our hope that EPCA and QESEC can continue to work together in this same spirit of collaboration to lend support to students with special needs and their parents, and present issues of importance for our community to the Minister of Education.

Respectfully,

Brett Hillgartner
Chairperson, Special Needs Advisory Committee, 2014-2015

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