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## **QESBA, ADGESBQ and AAESQ Call for Withdrawal of Bill 1**

Bill 1 is being presented by the government as Quebec's "constitution," intended to reflect the province's identity and define powers and responsibilities. However, Bill 1 is cause for serious concern.

In a brief submitted on November 25, the **Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA)**, the **Association of Directors General of English School Boards in Quebec (ADGESBQ)**, and the **Association of Administrators of English Schools of Quebec (AAESQ)** outlined major issues.

Namely, the bill was drafted without consultation and presented as a constitution despite lacking key safeguards such as limits on government power and broad consensus. It would centralize authority, undoing decades of decentralization achieved during the Quiet Revolution and weakening the autonomy of local institutions.

Education, a cornerstone of Quebec's social progress, is largely absent from the proposal. Instead, the bill prioritizes ideological debates over student success and ignores the real needs of school communities. It also threatens English-language educational institutions by undermining their autonomy, restricting access to federal resources, and limiting their ability to defend rights in court.

More broadly, Bill 1 would curtail access to justice, silence dissent from over 100 public institutions, and promote a narrow and exclusionary vision of Quebec society.

The brief concludes that Bill 1 does not meet the standards of a true constitution, risking the erosion of democratic values, weakening educational institutions, and threatening Quebec's social cohesion, particularly regarding education and minority rights.

The QESBA, ADGESBQ, and AAESQ urge the government to withdraw Bill 1 in its entirety, as it threatens democratic principles and the rights long protected in Quebec's education system.

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Any future effort to create a Quebec constitution must involve broad public consultation and consensus, clearly protecting citizens' rights, the rule of law, and limits on government power.

Furthermore, the three Associations call on the government to focus on the real priorities for Quebecers, especially ensuring equity and access to high-quality education, and to fulfil its fundamental responsibilities to students, families, and the future of Quebec, rather than advancing a unilateral political agenda.

We would like to thank the QESBA for drafting this brief and for including AAESQ in the process.

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