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Madame la Ministre,

The Leadership Committee for English Education in Québec (LCEEQ) wishes to commend you and the government on the recently launched programme, ***I Right the Wrong***, the latest phase of the existing violence prevention initiative in schools. The English Educational Community recognizes the importance of maintaining safe schools for all concerned and so will continue to promote appropriate programs designed to develop pro-social behaviours at all levels.

It was somewhat disappointing that the English community only received the information once the program was made public. There are a number of issues that are unique to our community; we have students who spend as many as four hours a day being transported to and from school, for example. It is not difficult to understand how these periods can provide opportunities for inappropriate social behaviour. We could have contributed a certain expertise had we been invited to do so from the outset. We wish to remind those people at MELS responsible for the ongoing development of the project that we expect to be included at all stages of its evolution.

Given the importance of the initiative, resources will be required to support the schools. The current practice of having personnel in the regions available to accompany the schools in the *Violence Prevention* dossier has proven totally ineffective for the English community. The individuals assigned this responsibility, although well intentioned, neither understand the needs and current practices of the community, nor possess sufficient skill to communicate in English. To this end, we request that two resource person for Violence Prevention be engaged to work solely in the English sector under the supervision of the Secteur des services à la

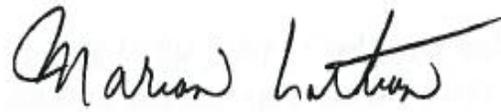
communauté anglophone, des affaires autochtones et du Plan Nord. We believe that this project is sufficiently important to merit much needed and dedicated services to the English community.

We will carefully study the content of Bill 56 and be ready to make our voice heard at the appropriate time. We look forward to being invited to the upcoming parliamentary hearings.

Sincerely,



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