



The following is a resolution adopted by the Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board at its virtual regular meeting held on April 26, 2021.

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**Resolution number 2021-04-#01**

***Vote by Mail: School Elections 2021***

WHEREAS for the school elections originally scheduled for November 1, 2020, voting by mail was limited by Ministerial Order 2020-066 to individuals domiciled in a CHSLD, a private residence for seniors or for individuals in isolation due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS for the school elections rescheduled for December 20, 2020, voting by mail was again limited by Ministerial Order 2020-091 to individuals in the same situations; and

WHEREAS the school elections, which are currently suspended, are expected to be rescheduled in 2021; and

WHEREAS Bill 85, An Act to facilitate the conduct of the 7 November 2021 municipal general election in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic was passed by the Government of Québec on March 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS Bill 85 allows the following persons to vote by mail in the municipal elections of November 7, 2021:

- individuals residing in a facility maintained by an institution operating a hospital centre, a residential and long-term care centre or a rehabilitation centre or a private seniors' residence;
- individuals unable to move about for health reasons;
- caregivers;
- individuals isolated due to COVID-19;
- if allowed by their municipality, people 70 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS although requested, the Coalition Avenir Québec refused to apply Bill 85 to the upcoming school elections; and

WHEREAS it is a matter of public health and democracy that the voters in the upcoming school elections be allowed the same rights as voters in the upcoming municipal elections and that for the same reasons, the right to vote by mail should be extended to any person wishing to avail themselves of this voting method:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner E. Bender AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

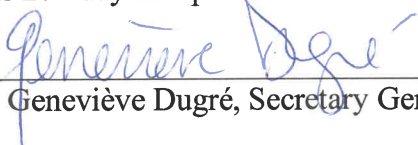
THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board urge the Government of Quebec to allow voting by mail to any person wishing to avail themselves of this voting method or at minimum, that the persons voting in the upcoming school elections benefit from the same rights as those voting in the municipal elections of November 7, 2021; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier François Legault, also Minister responsible for Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers, to Jean-François Roberge, the Minister of Education, to Steven Colpitts, Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for the English education sector at the Ministry of Education, to Christopher Skeete, Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier for Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers, and to all Members of the National Assembly; and

THAT a copy of this resolution also be sent to the municipalities and boroughs on the territory of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, to the Quebec English School Boards Association, to all other English School Boards and the Quebec Community Groups Network.

*I certify that this document is an extract from the Minutes of the Lester B. Pearson School Board Council of Commissioner's meeting held on April 26, 2021; this text is subject to ratification by approval of the Minutes of said meeting at the next meeting of the Council of Commissioner to be held on May 31, 2021.*

This 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

  
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Me Geneviève Dugré, Secretary General