

PRESS RELEASE

Empowering parents

PARENTS.QUEBEC: SOLUTIONS FOR PARENTS

QUÉBEC, February 5th 2021. — The English Parents' Committee Association of Quebec (EPCA) and the Fédération des comités de parents du Québec (FCPQ) are proud to announce the launch of the PARENTS.QUEBEC website.

A singular juncture of parent resources, PARENTS.QUEBEC is a complement to the *Open School (École Ouverte)* government platform launched last spring and will help parents support their children based on their specific needs. Beyond its pedagogical value, this new tool will help parents find the right resource, depending on the needs, the region and the age of the child.

For EPCA, the active participation of parents has always been essential to their children's educational success. "This very relevant and helpful tool will fill a void that has long been a source of frustration for parents who often do not know where to turn when they want to support their children," said EPCA President Katherine Korakakis.

For several years, EPCA and FCPQ have sought to boost support for parents by uniting the resources available to them. The support of the Quebec government for this initiative brings this shared vision to life.

"While PARENTS.QUEBEC is being launched during the pandemic, it is the result of many years of hard work, developed partnerships and repeated requests from parents. The daily lives of families have been turned upside down since last March, and the situation shows more than ever the importance of having a tool that answers parents' questions and helps them find resources according to their needs," explained Kevin Roy, President of the FCPQ.

"Each day, Quebec parents play a key role in the development and success of their children, and the support of the Quebec government to PARENTS.QUEBEC demonstrates the importance and recognition we give them. Since the beginning of the pandemic, parents have demonstrated incredible strength and resilience by juggling school and work at home, and their requests for help have been heard.



This tool will become a valuable reference to answer their questions. Like Open School, PARENTS.QUEBEC is added to the list of resources and concrete means available to promote student success,” added Education Minister Jean-François Roberge.

A second phase of the project is under development and will be announced in the coming months. It will also be possible to access PARENTS.QUEBEC via *Open School* (Ecoleouverte.ca).

About the English Parents’ Committee Association of Quebec (EPCA)

The English Parents' Committee Association is the official voice of Quebec’s English public school parent community. Supporting school board Parent Committees and speaking with one voice for parents and their children, EPCA represents more than 100,000 students in all dealings with the *Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* and across all levels of government.

About the Fédération des comités de parents du Québec

For over 45 years, the FCPQ has been bringing together the parent committees of Quebec's School Service Centers and supporting parent volunteers who are concerned about parental involvement in public elementary and secondary schools in order to ensure the quality of education offered to children.

Related link: www.parents.quebec (English and French version)

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