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**QCGN is extremely pleased with Quebec Superior Court ruling in favour of our English Universities**

**MONTREAL, April 24, 2025** – The Quebec Community Groups Network is extremely pleased to see Quebec’s Superior Court Judge Éric Dufour’s ruling describing as “unreasonable” sharply higher university tuition fees targeting out-of-province students at McGill and Concordia.

“This is an important ruling on a crucial issue,” said QCGN President Eva Ludvig. “It confirms our belief that the government acted rashly last fall in first blaming out-of-province students for the decline in French it perceives, and in imposing a discriminatory tuition burden on these students who contribute mightily to Montreal and Quebec, as well as the English language-institutions that are at the heart of our English-speaking community.”

“While the government has been given nine months to establish a new schedule of tuition fees, its requirement that 80 per cent of undergraduates achieve an intermediate level of French by the time they graduate has been immediately rescinded,” she said. “This was also an unreasonable imposition on the universities, and we’re glad to see that action included in this court judgment.”

“That the judge was so critical of the lack of evidence and data to back up the tuition policy is also telling,” Ludvig said. “The government blew it on this one, and the universities’ partial victory is well deserved.”

The Quebec Community Groups Network ([www.qcgn.ca](http://www.qcgn.ca)) is a not-for-profit organization bringing together English-language community organizations and individuals across Quebec. Its mission is to identify, explore, and address strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of English-speaking Quebec and to encourage dialogue and collaboration.

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