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TALQ Disappointed by Supreme Court Ruling on Bill 21

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November 27, 2026: TALQ is disappointed by today's Supreme Court of Canada decision and in particular by the majority's conclusion that Quebec's Bill 21 does not infringe the minority-language education rights of Quebec's English-speaking community under section 23 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. TALQ respects the Court's decision and is carefully reviewing the judgment and its implications.

This was the central issue in TALQ's intervention before the Court. TALQ argued that the rights protected by section 23 to manage and control minority-language educational institutions extended to the recruitment and staffing of personnel, and that restrictions on those rights should have constituted an infringement of section 23.

"While we had hoped for a different outcome on section 23, we acknowledge the Court's ruling and will take the time needed to assess what it means for our community and its institutions. The Court's interpretation of section 23 has implications beyond Quebec, including for French-speaking minority communities across Canada," said Eva Ludvig, President of TALQ. "Our schools are at the heart of Quebec's English-speaking community, and the ability of our institutions to reflect our identity, diversity and values is fundamental to our community's vitality."

TALQ also takes note of the dissenting opinions on section 23, which speak directly to the linguistic and cultural interests of Quebec's English-speaking minority and to concerns raised by TALQ in its intervention before the Court.

TALQ remains committed to defending minority-language rights and engaging constructively with governments and elected representatives to ensure that the distinct realities and perspectives of Quebec's English-speaking community are recognized and respected.

TALQ (www.talq.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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