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APPELE-Québec to host community hearings on Bill 40

The Alliance for the Promotion of Public English-language Education in Québec (APPELE-Québec) is hosting a public hearing this afternoon on Bill 40; An Act to amend mainly the Education Act with regard to school organization and governance.

"Many representatives of our community were not invited to appear before the National Assembly Committee studying Bill 40, and we believe their voices need to be heard," explained Geoffrey Kelley, Chair of APPELE-Québec.

"We are providing them with the forum to share their views on this complex piece of legislation which we believe is unworkable and presents unnecessary obstacles to the exercise of our constitutional right to manage and control our school system."

The hearings will take place in Montreal today, Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Beaujolais room of Le Meridien Versailles Hotel.

Groups presenting briefs to Kelley and Joan Fraser, the Vice-Chair of AP-PELE-Québec, include: Canadian Parents for French Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Black Community Resource Center (BCRC) Quebec Board of Black Educators Quebec Community Groups Network Quebec Association of Independent Schools (QAIS) Community Economic Development and Employability Corporation (CEDEC) English-Speaking Catholic Council (ESSC) Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations (QFHSA) Quebec Farmers' Association (QFA) Canadian School Boards Association Townshippers'Association The hearings will be streamed live on the APPELE-Québec Facebook page at (www.facebook.com)»