



Central Parents Committee Comité central de parents

January 22, 2014

Bill 60 is an attack on the diversity of our schools ***Message from the Central Parents' Committee***

Fellow parents:

After careful consideration, the EMSB Central Parents' Committee has released its position on the Quebec Government's Bill 60, the inappropriately named Charter of Values. We believe that this charter is an attack on youth education and a threat to the diversity of the public school system, and have denounced it alongside the EMSB Council of Commissioner and neighbouring school boards. While we are not making a presentation during the ongoing National Assembly public hearings, we are reaching out to the media across the school board territory to share our disgust with this divisive legislation. It is unacceptable, and will never work within our schools.

Parents like you have told us that you value the richness and multicultural nature of our schools, because they represent the communities in which we live here on the island of Montreal. This proposed legislation seeks to change that, dividing our communities along religious lines and teaching our children a terrible lesson on tolerance and mutual respect.

Everyone of us has a role to play in this important debate, and we must never forget that our voice matters. As such, we strongly encourage you to add your name to a National Assembly petition that denounces the charter. You can find this online petition at <http://www.goo.gl/R3bYsG>. The deadline for signatures is February 2.

The Central Parents' Committee continues to work on behalf of your interests in each school of the EMSB network. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at parents@emsb.qc.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing support,


Pietro Mercuri
Chairperson
Central Parents' Committee



Commission scolaire English-Montréal
English Montreal School Board

6000 Fielding Avenue, Montreal, QC H3X 1T4