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# Bill 40:

# The Future of English Language Education in Quebec

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**In 1999, the Quebec government replaced confessional school boards with linguistic school boards while also reducing the total number of school boards. These nine English school boards now serve the English-speaking rights-holding population of the province.**

**In 2020, Bill 40 eliminated school boards and replaced them with service centres. The Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has challenged the constitutionality of this legislation with respect to minority language education.**



**Dan Lamoureux**

President  
 Québec English School Boards  
 Association (QESBA)

Dan's roots come from the Maritimes, specifically Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. During his twenty-six-year career as a firefighter in the City of Westmount, he engaged in National, Provincial and Local Firefighting Associations. He also became very active in many local community organizations. Dan returned to University and completed his BA in Community, Public Affairs and Policy Studies at Concordia.

He was Chairperson of the Centennial Regional High School Governing Board for 3 years, followed by 12 years as Commissioner for Riverside School Board, and for the past 6 years as Chairperson of RSB.

He was recently acclaimed for another 4-year term as Chairperson for RSB. He volunteered 5 years at the Quebec Community Groups Network and was President for 4 years. currently, he is serving as the President of the Quebec English School Board Association.

## What does the future hold for English language education in Quebec?

This question will be addressed from three perspectives - governance and citizen participation, administration and management, community and culture.



**Sylvain Racette**

Director General  
 Riverside School Board

Sylvain Racette has been the Director General of Riverside School Board since May 2010. Prior to his appointment at Riverside School Board, Mr. Racette was a Ministry representative on the Management Negotiating Committee for English Language School Boards (CPNCA) where he acted as Chief Negotiator at the Provincial Teachers' Negotiation Table for the English school boards from March 2009 to May 2011. He remains, to this day, a member of the Board of Directors of CPNCA.

Since 2018, Mr. Racette has been the President of the "Association of Directors General of English School Boards of Québec" (ADGESBQ). He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the "Association des Directions générales des Centres de Services et Commissions Scolaires" (ADIGECS). As such, he sits on multiple strategic advisory groups of the Ministère de l'Éducation and to the Minister himself.



**Walter Duszara**

Retired Educator  
 Quebec Civil Servant

In his forty plus years in education, Walter Duszara taught at the high school and CEGEP levels, and was principal of adult education centres and Director General of a school board. He also worked for the Ministry of Education

for over twenty years. He has been to almost every corner of Quebec and worked with English-speaking, French-speaking, first nations and Inuit educators. He is a former Adjunct

Professor in the McGill Faculty of Education, a past member of the Advisory Board on English Education, and served on the Board and Executive Committee of the CEDEC.

For six years he was a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Quebec Community Groups Network. He was President/Executive Director of the Thomas More Institute. He is an executive member of the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Montreal, and is the Vice-president of Seniors Action Quebec.