

## **Bill 40 is generously catering to the English boards**

### **Submission to the Committee for Culture and Education**

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Bill 40 is generously catering to the English boards; it should have awarded equal treatment for the English and French. The English boards got a royal sweet deal since they will still have elections. And, please let's not use the Constitution, English Minority Language Rights, or Bill 101 for these pitiful individuals who wish to retain POWER and CONTROL.. This isn't about Education, it's about self-preservation and the monetary value which is of prime importance. Why give that up for Passion as Christopher Skeete stated?

The English boards are still whining and demand the status quo because they feel that they are instrumental, indispensable, and responsible for student success results. Not so. Only teachers and parents are responsible for student success. Most Commissioners are motivated by the position and where it can get them on the social and political ladder, and the nice chunk of change that comes with the title.

More so, it would be interesting to know exactly how many pedagogues/former teachers are Commissioners in the nine boards, who claim that their student success rate is based on the board's performance. Sadly, the Commissioners' knowledge of the school curriculum is minimal to none. And, yet, they're representing our students, our schools.

Most Commissioners rarely visit a school unless it's election period or they are invited to attend a special event. Suddenly, they will become more involved when drastic measures are taken such as Bill 40. Too little, too late.

Undoubtedly, they are responsible for the distribution of funding services required for teachers to be able to perform their job effectively. And whose money is that? They can disperse and squander as they wish for better or for worse. They give away taxpayers'/ stakeholders' money to QESBA basically to support individuals who are benefitting six figure salaries without their consent. This is money that belongs to the children and not to a politically driven group.

The Commissioners are naturally worried and flustered that they will have lost POWER and CONTROL. They will now have appointed government officials to ensure that the arrow is shot straight. Clearly, it's the SAME body. A Commissioner is now called a Director and the School Board is an Educational Service Center. Why the fuss?? The answer is obvious.

Commissioners do not have permanent positions or tenure. They are free to come and go with the universal suffrage system. They are not obliged to stay if they are not happy with Bill 40. They are not indispensable. Parents/stakeholders must be the directors put in place who have a direct connection to the schools through their children.

Let's not be fooled. The discontent isn't about English Language Minority Rights. They have not been robbed of their rights. It is about retaining Power and Control, and the FINANCIAL benefits. If they remain status quo, then, allow the corruption to continue. Shame on us.

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