

Amendments to *School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014*: Government's Proposed Changes Fall Short of AEFO's Expectations

OTTAWA, February 23, 2017 – The Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO) has been made aware of the government's proposed amendments to the *School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014* (SBCBA). A quick read-through indicates that some of these amendments fall short of AEFO's expectations.

For example, the government intends to force unions representing support staff (secretaries, teachers' aides, computer technicians, etc.) to become members of provincial negotiating organisations. However, as its members' bargaining agent, AEFO already represents them in an official and exclusive capacity.

"Any amendment to the *Act* should lead to a more efficient process", indicated AEFO President, Rémi Sabourin. "There is no need to make it more cumbersome", he added.

AEFO will be carefully reviewing the government's proposed changes to the SBCBA.

AEFO has about 10,000 members and represents French-language elementary and secondary teachers in Ontario, from both Catholic and public school boards, and professional and support staff working in various French-language workplaces.

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