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FNEC Extends Invitation to Dialogue to New CAQ Government

Wendake, October 4 October 2018 – The day after the provincial election, the First Nations Education Council (FNEC) wants to reiterate the importance of First Nations education in Quebec.

In recent years, the FNEC and many other First Nations organizations have managed to put forth their expertise and call governments' attention to the importance of First Nations education and its particularities. In fact, the FNEC has had a hand in the academic success of over 4600 students enrolled in band schools in addition to the many others in provincial schools. In order to move forward and maintain the partnerships already established, we believe that First Nations education must be on the new government's agenda.

In this regard, we strongly urge the CAQ government and the opposition parties to meet with us and other First Nations authorities to discuss the issues affecting us. The new government's commitments and inclusion strategies are not only fundamentally important for the future of our communities, but also for the prosperity of the entire province. This process is imperative for reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and for First Nations student success.

Lise Bastien, FNEC Director General stated, "The instruction of our children enrolled in provincial schools deserves special consideration. Learning about their cultural reality must be part of their education. FNEC-member communities want to play an active role in relation to measures affecting education, and the FNEC intends to offer its full cooperation to the new government."

About the FNEC

For over 30 years, the FNEC has been working to fulfill the right of First Nations to have complete authority over their education through the implementation of an education system that has adequate resources, and that is developed and managed according to their values and cultures. Further information is available at www.cepn-fnec.com.

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