

## **AEFO's Brief on Bill 92, an Act to amend the *School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014* : AEFO Opposes Government Amendments that Infringe Union Rights**

OTTAWA, March 8, 2017 – The Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO) will present a brief this afternoon on the government's amendments to the *School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014* (SBCBA). AEFO believes that some of these amendments violate union rights and complicate the collective bargaining process unnecessarily.

"The bill will increase red tape rather than make the collective bargaining process more efficient," said AEFO President Rémi Sabourin.

In addition, the government intends to require several unions representing support staff (secretaries, teachers' aides, computer technicians, etc.) to be part of a council of unions. However, as a bargaining agent, AEFO is already the official and exclusive representative of these members.

"AEFO is firmly opposed to any modification that would undermine our rights to represent our members," he added.

In the past, AEFO already proposed these changes to the government in order to make the negotiation process more efficient. It hopes the government will seriously consider these recommendations.

**AEFO will present its brief to the Standing Committee on Governmental Affairs at Queen's Park on March 8, 2017 at 4:45 pm. AEFO President Rémi Sabourin will be available to answer media questions following the submission of the brief.**

*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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