

## **Conditions of use LEGAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

Adopted by AQED's Board of directors on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- 1- The Legal Support Committee offers 2 services to AQED members: a general legal information service and a consultation service for specific cases with the AQED lawyer.
- 2- The membership number must always be provided.
- 3- Only active members have access to the Legal Support Committee.
- 4- Only members who have been active for more than 3 months have access to the services of the Legal Support Committee.
- 5- A new member who already has a file opened at the Direction of youth protection (DYP) may, depending on the nature of the file, be refused the services of the Legal Support Committee or will have to assume the cost of the lawyer's services themselves.
- 6- The Legal Support Committee decides on the relevance of referring a case to AQED lawyers.
- 7- The Legal Support Committee and AQED's lawyer may assist, support, inform and inform a member's lawyer free of charge.
- 8- The services of AQED's lawyer are intended to defend a parent who chooses to homeschool in Quebec, as part of their educational project.
- 9- The services of AQED's lawyer are only used to mediate and/or legally defend cases involving the School Board, the DYP or the Ministry of Education for the homeschooling component of a case.
- 10- If a member does not meet the prerequisites for free legal services, they may engage, at their own expense, the services of AQED's lawyers, at a reduced rate for members.

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- 11-AQED tries to support parents in their educational choices.
- 12-AQED recognizes the importance of civic education by supporting families who do not violate the fundamental values of Quebec society: the rule of law, a free and democratic society, equality between all, the importance of cultural diversity, pluralism, tolerance and respect for individual rights and freedoms. Thus, the member's actions must reflect the fundamental values of Quebec society.
- 13-AQED may choose not to support a parent whose educational approach does not uphold the following 7 conditions:
- a. Regular involvement of parents or guardians of the child
  - b. The presence of a philosophy (not necessarily a recognized philosophy) or a way of thinking in which parents demonstrate their commitment, enthusiasm and recognition of their child's needs, abilities and aspirations
  - c. The potential for the child to be stimulated by their learning experiences
  - d. The involvement of parents in a wide range of activities appropriate to the child's level of development
  - e. Access to appropriate resources and equipment
  - f. The possibility of adequate physical activity
  - g. The opportunity to interact with other children and adults
- 14-The member must cooperate, respect and follow the advice of AQED's lawyers in order to continue to obtain financial support from AQED.
- 15-A member may ask AQED's Board of directors to review the decision of the Legal Support Committee. Any decision of the Board of directors will be final.
- 16- Any active member using the legal services of lawyers associated with AQED must comply with AQED's following requirements:
- a. Do not disclose information concerning the case in dispute as long as the services are provided by AQED;

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- b. Disclosure of information is prohibited via social or public networks (such as Facebook, newspapers, Twitter, Instagram, Forum, etc.);
- c. In the event of non-compliance with the obligations listed above, the Board shall have the right to terminate the financial contribution to the Legal Service immediately.
- d. A request for reimbursement of expenses incurred may be made by the Board to the active member who has benefited from AQED's legal services in cases where:
  - The member deliberately aggravated their dispute;
  - The obligations under Article 18 (b) have not been met;
  - Any other unforeseen eventuality, in which case a decision by 2/3 of AQED's Board of directors is required;
- e. AQED undertakes not to submit any information to the media without the approval of the active member and the lawyers on file, as well as to respect the confidentiality of the file.

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