

Regulations and other Acts

Gouvernement du Québec

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Approval of the Directive from the Minister of Education regarding washroom and cloakroom layout in buildings of school service centres where instructional services are provided

WHEREAS, under the first and second paragraphs of section 459.6 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3), the Minister of Education may, within the scope of the Minister's responsibilities, issue directives to one or more school service centres concerning their administration, organization, operation and actions;

WHEREAS, under the third paragraph of section 459.6 of the Act, the directives must be submitted to the Government for approval and that once approved, they are binding on school service centres;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education has issued a directive regarding washroom and cloakroom layout in buildings of school service centres where instructional services are provided;

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Directive;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Education;

THAT the Directive from the Minister of Education regarding washroom and cloakroom layout in buildings of school service centres where instructional services are provided, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

DOMINIQUE SAVOIE
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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Whereas under the second paragraph of section 201 of the Act, the director general of a school service centre is responsible in particular for the day-to-day management of the school service centre's activities;

Whereas under section 210.1 of the Act, the school service centre must see to it that each of its institutions provides a healthy and secure learning environment that allows every student to develop his or her full potential, free from any form of bullying or violence. To that end, it must support the principals of its institutions in their efforts to prevent and stop bullying and violence;

Whereas the Directive ensures the safety, wellbeing, privacy and inclusion of all students, regardless of gender identity, accessibility needs and individual particularities;

THEREFORE:

1. School service centres established pursuant to the Education Act and the Centre de services scolaire du Littoral must implement the measures at their disposal to ensure that all washrooms and cloakrooms to be built or renovated in the future or those where design completion is less than 30% must be single-sex washrooms (men/women). No gender-neutral washrooms or cloakrooms (without distinction between the sexes) may be designed as part of school building construction or renovation projects.

In addition, school service centres must ensure the availability without restriction of individual washrooms that are universal and accessible to students who need or wish to use them. Those facilities must be appropriate, safe and situated strategically to allow for proper supervision, for example in a common traffic area.

2. The Directive applies to future works and to projects in progress where design completion is less than 30%.

3. This Directive comes into force the day it is approved by the Government.

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Minister of Education

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