

## ARANB Press Release November 18, 2019

### Description

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#### Anglophone Rights Association of New Brunswick

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The Anglophone Rights Association of New Brunswick does NOT oppose bilingualism as is being stated by some publicly. Those who are perpetuating the notion that ARANB is opposed to bilingualism are intentionally attempting to avoid meaningful discussion that would lead to fair and equitable resolution to the issues.

There are issues with respect to the “implementation” of bilingualism in New Brunswick that must be addressed to ensure fairness to both Anglophone and Francophone/Acadian communities within New Brunswick.

Some of these issues include:

1. Updating language testing processes and procedures both in the Anglophone education system and for employment within the public service. This includes all first responders.
2. Establishment and implementation of fair and reasonable language proficiency levels.
3. The imbalance in government funding for our education and healthcare systems.
4. Unacceptable levels of literacy and language competency for our Anglophone youth.
5. Lack of government consultation on issues pertaining to the Anglophone community in New Brunswick
6. Legislation to ensure fair and equitable participation in the public service by both Anglophones and Francophones that reflects the society they serve.

We feel that it is incumbent on Premier Higgs and his government to initiate and facilitate meaningful discussions between Anglophones and Francophones that will lead to resolutions of the issues and create a better future for all New Brunswick.

With respect to the bus ad and what has transpired, all New Brunswickers and the media should be voicing concern over what is an act of censorship.

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