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Y4Y Quebec opposes the cancellation of the French-language university in Ontario and expresses its solidarity with the young Franco-Ontarians who worked on the project

[MONTREAL, QUEBEC, November 27, 2018] Y4Y Quebec opposes the decision of the Ontario government to cancel plans to open the first French-language university in Ontario, as well as the Office of the French-Language Services Commissioner.

“Doug Ford’s government should reconsider this senseless decision,” said Malcolm Lewis-Richmond, President of Y4Y Quebec. “The Canadian constitution provides protections for minorities, including official language minority communities. The cancellation of such a unifying project in the field of education does nothing to improve the well-being of the Franco-Ontarian community,” added Mr. Richmond. “In addition, the consultation and preparatory work has been well underway for many years now. All of this effort has now amounted to nothing,” he concluded.

Y4Y Quebec also expresses its solidarity with all those Franco-Ontarian youth who pushed for and worked toward the creation of a French-language university in Ontario.

[Y4Y Quebec is made up of a core group of dedicated youth who share a common goal of cultivating and sustaining an active youth led network in Quebec. We work in collaboration with community organizations to maximize their efforts by creating a link with English-speaking youth, and to connect, promote and mobilize English-speaking youth so that they are aware of supports available to them, which will ensure they reach their full potential and remain in Quebec.]

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