

HIGHLIGHTS



# PUBLIC SERVICES

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Québec Solidaire firmly believes that to ensure Quebec's population is in good health and well-educated, we need to end poverty and provide free public services.

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## HEALTH CARE

Ensuring access to health professionals through 24/7 CLSCs

To reduce waiting times at the emergency room, we need a strong front line and preventative care.

- access without appointment to a nurse, a physician, or another health care professional;
- varied, appropriate, and integrated services with multidisciplinary teams;
- local services in our neighbourhoods and in our towns provided on-site, by phone or online;
- house calls for the elderly and for those with chronic diseases or in palliative care;
- paying physicians by the hour instead of on a fee-for-service basis to ensure that they provide preventative and front-line care.

## EDUCATION

Ensuring academic success through public schools

To prevent school dropouts, we need to value public schools as a social melting pot.

- ending subsidies to private schools
- encouraging special projects in public schools
- reducing class sizes
- improving access to professional services
- providing ongoing funding for bullying prevention
- increasing extracurricular activities to foster a sense of belonging

## Creating 25,000 Jobs in Public Services

Health Care	Education
24/7 CLSCs	Elementary and high school teachers
<b>800</b>	<b>15,000</b>
Home support workers	Professionals in schools
<b>3,760</b>	<b>1,000</b>
Building new infrastructure	Extracurricular activities
<b>3,470</b>	<b>830</b>

### CUTTING BACK ON WASTE

Switching to open-source software

- savings of an average of \$25 million per year

### Reducing prescription drug costs

- \$2.2 billion savings per year

#### BY CREATING PHARMA-QUÉBEC:

- public acquisition centre to bulk buy the prescription drugs used throughout the health care system;
- generic drug production;
- public information on prescription drugs to encourage their appropriate use.

#### BY UNIVERSALIZING THE PUBLIC DRUG INSURANCE PLAN:

- spreading the risk across the entire population rather than pushing the healthiest individuals (who have good-paying jobs) into the private system.

## REDUCING HOUSEHOLD INDEBTEDNESS

### CUTTING THE ELECTRICITY BILL

Hydro-Québec asked for a 5.8% increase, but the Régie de l'énergie restricted it to 4.3%. Québec Solidaire will cancel the increase. Furthermore, we will renovate poorly insulated housing, which will cut electricity bills for these often low-income families.

### REDUCING TRANSPORTATION COSTS THANKS TO PUBLIC TRANSIT

Families can cut their transportation costs by 50% to 75% by ditching their car and using a mixture of different modes of transportation, biking and walking in the summer, public transit and taxis in the winter and, carsharing, carpooling, and collective transportation between cities. In addition, Québec Solidaire aims to make public transit free in the next 10 years.

### CANCELLING THE DAYCARE FEE INCREASES

Daycare fees will go up from \$7 a day to \$8 a day next September and up to \$9 in 2015. Québec Solidaire will reinvest \$125 million to cancel this 28% hike.

### REMOVING THE HEALTH TAX

Québec Solidaire will remove the health tax, which will save \$200 for families earning above \$42,000 and \$100 for families earning less.