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### TWO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS CREATE TOOL BOX TO HELP TEACHERS IMPLEMENT THE MANDATORY SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

MONTREAL (September 2018) – In response to the Quebec Ministry’s mandatory sex education curriculum, two local organizations have teamed up to offer a solution. The Sexual Health Network of Quebec and AIDS Community Care Montreal have been offering services and support to schools for over a decade. Now they have joined together to offer schools the “Teacher’s Tool Box”.

The Teacher’s Tool box is a complete set of activity kits that cover all the grades and themes of the MEES sexuality program. The Tool Box will allow all teachers, of any level of training, to play interactive and educational games with their classes covering the essential subjects. All the contents in the box are fully laminated and contain activities for each subject, as well as additional teaching tools, extra lesson plans and local resources. It is a fully equipped set to implement the program across all secondary 1 to 5.

“We want the schools to succeed, and this Tool Box will give them what they need”- Jeansil Bruyere, Executive Director, AIDS Community Care Montreal.

Many teachers are concerned about a lack of training and resources for this program. The Sexual Health Network of Quebec alongside AIDS Community Care Montreal are equipped to help support teachers in this new endeavor. Their solution was a complete box for all teachers to use, divided by grade level and theme. The box aims to make all the subjects easier to teach for teachers, while being informative and interactive for students.

“We want teachers to feel comfortable in discussing these subjects, and a tool box gives teachers the tools and the confidence to do it”- Dr. Laurie Betito, Psychologist and President of the Sexual Health Network of Quebec.

The Teacher’s Tool Boxes are now ready for distribution and available for purchase. SHNQ and ACCM are looking to the public to help fund costs in making these boxes available for every school.

More information on the Teacher’s Tool Box can be found at [www.shnq.ca](http://www.shnq.ca)