

NEWS RELEASE

Supreme Court of Canada upholds finding of discrimination against J. Moore by School District

FROM : Learning Disability Association of New Brunswick (LDANB)

This Friday morning at 10:45 AM Atlantic Time, the Supreme Court of Canada upheld the Tribunal's core finding that there was in fact discrimination against Jeffrey Moore by School District no.44 (North Vancouver). The ruling of discrimination in favor of Jeffrey Moore is upheld, as are the individual orders which reimburse the Moore's for the cost of private schooling and award them damages. These orders properly seek to compensate them for the harm that Jeffrey suffered.

On October 29, 2010, a majority decision by the Court of Appeal of British Columbia in the Moore appeal enabled the BC government to continue to deny students with *Learning Disabilities* (LDs) meaningful access to accommodations, programs and services. The decision was especially disheartening given the findings on *Learning Disabilities* from Statistics Canada ([please refer to attached LDANB Fact Sheet](#)), which reports that LD is a chronic condition and as such, is one of the most common form of disability for children aged 5 to 14.

This has been a long and hard-fought public journey for the Moore family beginning in the late 1990's when Jeff Moore was diagnosed with a LD in grade 2. Jeff Moore is now a young adult and the outcome of the Supreme Court's judgment will not have a significant impact on his life. It will however have a deep impact on those thousands of children who struggle every day because of their *Learning Disability*.

LDANB wish to thank Yude Henteleff, Learning Disability Association of Canada's Intervener counsel for all his work and commitment to this case. LDAC, LDANB and other Learning Disability Associations throughout Canada will continue to advocate for the rights of every child with LD to receive educational services, programs and accommodations in a timely manner.

Please refer to the link below for a copy of the court document in this matter

<http://scc.lexum.org/decisia-scc-csc/scc-csc/scc-csc/en/item/12680/index.do>

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