

Predicting Dropout Risk, Breaking Privacy Law — Quebec's Val-des-Cerfs School Board AI Ruling

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Pending C-NAPSE evaluation

Evidence strength: Pending evaluation

Summary

A Quebec school board's machine-learning model flagged Grade-6 students at risk of dropping out using 300+ data points on 60,000 students, reporting 92% predictive accuracy — but Quebec's privacy regulator ruled in 2022 the 'de-identified' data was never lawfully anonymized and o

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	0/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	0/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-01

[Centre de services scolaire du Val-des-Cerfs; Commission d'accès à l'information du Québec \(CAI\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-01

[CBC News, Nov 2018](#) — accessed 2026-09-01

[BLG law-firm analysis of the CAI decision](#) — accessed 2026-09-01

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