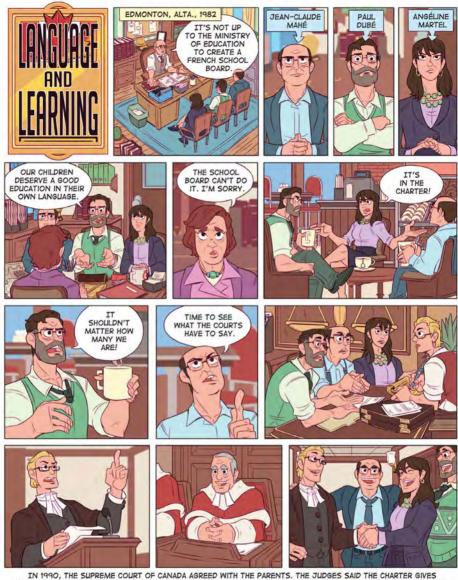
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MAKING A CASE

AS PEOPLE STARTED USING THE CHARTER IN COURT, THERE WERE ALL KINDS OF BIG CHANGES IN CANADA. HERE ARE THE STORIES OF JUST A FEW CASES THAT HAD A BIG EFFECT ON KIDS (AND OTHERS). WE'VE IMAGINED WHAT PEOPLE SAID AND DID, BUT THE EXAMPLES AND JUDGES' REASONS ARE ALL REAL.







IN 1990, THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA AGREED WITH THE PARENTS. THE JUDGES SAID THE CHARTER GIVES KIDS THE RIGHT TO GO TO SCHOOL IN EITHER FRENCH OR ENGLISH, EVEN IF MOST PEOPLE AROUND THEM SPEAK THE OTHER OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.





AT FIRST JUSTINE LOST HER CASE. BUT THE ONTARIO COURT OF APPEAL EVENTUALLY SAID THE ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION HAD TO CHANGE ITS RULES TO FIT WITH THE CHARTER. THE OHA FOUGHT THE DECISION ALL THE WAY TO THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA, WHERE IT LOST IN 1987.







