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GOOD NEWS FOR SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD TAXPAYERS

Rosemère, November 23, 2017 – The Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB), in partnership with the Québec English School Boards Association (QESBA), have been fighting for equity in the school tax rate for many years, and are pleased to announce that this matter has now been resolved.

The Québec government will be normalizing school taxes between French and English school boards across the province. For many years, the tax rates varied considerably depending on where homeowners lived, and this situation had an impact on their choice of school board to pay their taxes. This inequity created much frustration among our parents and community members who choose to support the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, but at a greater cost.

This long-awaited equalization will ensure that our parents, as well as the property owners who choose to pay their school taxes to SWLSB, are not penalized for supporting their community. The proposal calls for adopting the lowest tax rate in any administrative region across the school board network in that region.

“That the responsibility for local taxation now resides with our Council of Commissioners is testament to the fact this government is taking steps to support local democracy. This positive change to our tax model will allow us to continue to respect the rights of our community, and it will no longer cost more for an English education,” said the Chairperson of the SWLSB, Jennifer Maccarone. “To the school board elected representatives and community members who fought for equity, I commend you. We owed it to our community, and when we work together, we can accomplish great things,” she concluded.

As details unfold on the revised taxation model, we will inform our stakeholders in the Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière regions. The new normalized rate will be in effect for the 2018-2019 tax period, and SWLSB taxpayers can expect significantly lower tax bills.

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board offers quality educational services to more than 15,000 students in 35 schools and 5 adult education and vocational training centres in Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière and has a workforce of nearly 2,000 employees.

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