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SWLSB Council of Commissioners raises concerns about Bill 40

November 14, 2019, Rosemère – The Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) reiterates its full support of the Quebec English School Boards Association's stance in regards to Bill 40, an *Act to amend mainly the Education Act with regard to school organization and governance*.

The SWLSB submitted [comments](#) to the Committee on Culture and Education providing additional information about the challenges it faces given the size of its territory and raised concerns that Bill 40 would bring additional burden on school and centre administrators. Unfortunately, the SWLSB was not heard at the Culture and Education Committee due to restricted hearings.

"In Bill 40, there is no mention that student success will be improved by the drastic changes the government is proposing. Our priority is and has always been the success of each of our students," said Mr. Paolo Galati, SWLSB Chairperson.

"We ask that the government withdraw Bill 40, pending extensive and proper national consultation. This Bill brings forth radical changes that will potentially have a negative impact on future generations," concluded Mr. Galati.

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is the third largest English school board of the Province of Québec and boasts an 84,5% graduation rate. Its territory comprises the administrative regions of Laval, Lanaudière and the Laurentides. It provides preschool, elementary, secondary, adult education and vocational training services to over 14,000 students in 35 schools and 4 centres, as well as a business training division. The school board has a workforce of more than 2,000 employees.

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