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Student representation on the Council of Commissioners

Rosemère, December 16, 2021 – It is with much enthusiasm that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) appointed three students as student representatives to the Council of Commissioners. These students are also members of the Central Students' Committee, composed of one representative and one alternate from each school and centre of the SWLSB.

The three secondary 5 students appointed last evening are Ève Boucher (Rosemere High School), Joseph Savastano (Laval Senior Academy), and as substitute representative, Andrew Wylie (Laval Senior Academy). Moving forward, they will take part in meetings with the Council of Commissioners and may be consulted on various topics at the Council's directions.

The responsible commissioners leading the Central Students' Committee are committee Chair Olivia Landry (ward 4), James Di Sano (ward 7), Vincent Cammisano (ward 8) and Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley. Ms. Landry, Mr. Di Sano and Mr. Cammisano are themselves graduates of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. The committee members held their first meeting on November 30th and will hold four more meetings from now until the end of the school year.

"It has been Council's wish to have students represented on the Council of Commissioner for a long time and I could not be prouder that we have finally made it happen. Students have a voice and we want to hear it," said Paolo Galati, Chairperson of the SWLSB.

The objective of the <u>Student Representation policy</u> is to introduce students to democracy and encourage student involvement.

"Students are always at the forefront of all decisions made by Council. Having students represented on the Council of Commissioners will not only give students valuable learning opportunities, but will also give Council members some valuable insights from the student body. I am confident that Ève, Joseph and Andrew will do an outstanding job and I look forward to their participation in Council meetings in the coming months," concluded Mr. Galati.

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

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