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SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD

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## SWLSB Students Recognized at the Laurier Gala/Star Fest

**Rosemère, May 26, 2023** – The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) is thrilled to announce the resounding success of the Laurier Gala/Star Fest, held last night at the Château Royal in Laval. This esteemed event showcased the achievements of 205 students from across the school board in the categories of Arts, Academics, Community Involvement, School Perseverance, and Sports.

The evening's entertainment was provided by 23 talented students who auditioned to be part of the 2023 Star Fest. Their performances mesmerized the audience, creating an electrifying atmosphere of celebration and admiration. CDC Vimont student Angela Amarualik, recipient of the prestigious 2023 Indigenous Artist of the Year award, kicked off the event and set the tone for the evening.

The Laurier Gala/Star Fest was hosted by two SWLSB principals and Virgin Radio's charismatic morning host, Cousin Vinny. The event was made possible through the generous financial contributions of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation and Caisse Desjardins Thérèse-de-Blainville which allowed us to give students \$2,500 of bursaries during the gala. Their unwavering commitment is truly commendable, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for their invaluable partnership.

During the gala, Mr. Paolo Galati, the Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, took a moment to express his sincere appreciation to the parents for their invaluable role as partners in their children's education. He acknowledged their collaboration with our school teams, emphasizing that it plays a vital role in ensuring the success and well-being of their children. Mr. Galati stated, "Your involvement has proven to provide more opportunities for success. Thank you for being so dedicated and supportive. Parents, on behalf of the Council of Commissioners, we cannot thank you enough!"

Mr. Galati also extended heartfelt congratulations to the students being honored at the event. He commended their hard work, resilience, and the unwavering support of their families and educators, emphasizing the immense pride the school board holds for each and every one of them.

The Laurier Gala/Star Fest brought together more than 1,200 people, reflecting the strong support and enthusiasm of the school board community. The SWLSB extends its deepest gratitude to all the students, parents, staff, and partners who contribute to making us one of the best school boards in Québec with a graduation and qualification rate of 88.3%! Together, we continue to foster a culture of excellence and inspire future generations to reach for the stars.

With a workforce of more than 2,000 employees, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is the third largest English school board in the Province of Québec and boasts a graduation rate of 88.3%. Its territory comprises the administrative regions of Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière. 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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