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Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board condemns \$570M education cuts: “Students should not pay for government mismanagement,” says Chairperson James Di Sano

Rosemère, June 26, 2025 – The Council of Commissioners has formally adopted a resolution condemning the Québec government’s \$570 million cuts to public education, warning that the measure will directly harm students and staff while undermining the very foundation of public schooling in Québec.

“These aren’t just numbers on a balance sheet, they represent front-line staff, classroom support, special needs and mental health resources, and ultimately student success,” said James Di Sano, himself a proud graduate of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

“My oath is to my school board and to the students and stakeholders we serve. I refuse to hinder the education of our students. I refuse to make them pay a price for the provincial government’s mismanagement of public funds.”

The resolution, brought forward by Chairperson Di Sano, denounces the cuts as “damaging, inexcusable, and in direct contradiction to the stated goal of protecting student services,” and calls for the government to reverse them immediately.

“We are being told to do more with less while those in power reward themselves,” said Chairperson James Di Sano. “This is not leadership. It is a breach of public trust, and our students, especially those requiring additional support, will pay the price.”

The Council of Commissioners reaffirmed its commitment to student-centred education and pledged to continue advocating for transparency, equity, and responsible investment in Québec’s public schools.

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 has a graduation rate of 87.4%. Its territory comprises the administrative regions of Laval, Laurentides, and Lanaudière. The school board provides preschool, elementary, secondary and adult education, together with vocational training services to over 14,000 students in 36 schools and 4 centres. It also offers business training services.

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