



Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Donates \$15,000 to Support SWLSB Students with Dyslexia

Rosemère, June 29, 2026 - The Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation has donated \$15,000 to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to support students with dyslexia through the purchase of laptop bundles designed to meet their learning needs.

The donation, presented at the June 25th Council of Commissioners meeting, will fund approximately 16 bundles. Each bundle includes a laptop, backpack, headset, and mouse and will be distributed according to individual student needs across the school board.

"The Foundation's impact extends far beyond a single event," said James Di Sano, Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. "This generous donation will help provide students with dyslexia access to tools that support their learning and remove barriers to success. We are grateful to the Foundation Board and to every member of our community who continues to support public education and believe in the potential of our students."

The Council of Commissioners also took the opportunity to recognize Archie Cifelli for his many years of service to the Foundation, first as Vice President and now as President. Through his leadership, involvement, and support, he has played an important role in supporting countless initiatives that have benefited students and schools throughout the school board.

The donation follows another successful year for the Foundation. Earlier this month, its annual Lobster Gala welcomed close to 300 guests to Château Royal and generated almost \$34,000 in net proceeds.

The funds raised will allow the Foundation to continue supporting schools through the purchase of multisensory equipment, technology initiatives, and its longstanding Citizenship Bursary Program.

"The generosity of our community continues to amaze us," said Archie Cifelli, President of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation. "Thanks to our supporters, we can continue investing in initiatives that make a real difference in the lives of students, whether through multisensory equipment, technology for learners with dyslexia, or our Citizenship Bursary Program."

Founded in 2004, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation promotes and sustains educational, cultural, recreational, artistic, and athletic programs in cooperation with its partners. Since its creation, the Foundation has contributed more than \$1 million to schools, centres, and students across Laval, the Laurentides, and Lanaudière, including more than \$350,000 in Citizenship Bursaries.

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation raises funds to support students, schools, and centres throughout the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Through community partnerships and fundraising initiatives, it continues to invest in projects and programs that enrich the educational experience and well-being of students.

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