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Message from the Chairperson

Dear SWLSB Stakeholders,

The 2021-2022 school year was another year marked by COVID-19 that forced us to continue changing our ways of doing and adapting our practices. Despite the challenges brought about by the pandemic, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board achieved numerous successes in 2021-2022, all while ensuring the safety and security of its students and employees.

School Elections and School By-Elections

Following a decree issued by the Québec Government, the school elections scheduled to take place on November 1, 2020, were postponed to September 26, 2021. As all other commissioners had been elected by acclamation in September 2020, electors cast their vote for the Chairperson position in one of the 16 polling stations opened across our territory for these 2021 elections.

Following the resignation of Emilio Migliozi, commissioner for electoral division 6, a by-election was held on June 12, 2022, during which Barbara Barrasso was elected.

Creation of the Central Students' Committee

It had been Council's wish to provide a platform for students to encourage them to be actively involved not only in the student life at their school or centre, but with the Council of Commissioners as well. As such, Council created the Central Students' Committee allowing for student representation on the Council of Commissioners. During the 2021-2022 school year, the Central Students' Committee was led by the following four commissioners: committee chairperson Olivia Landry (electoral division 4), James Di Sano (electoral division 7), Vincent Cammisano (electoral division 8) and Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley. Ms. Landry, Mr. Di Sano and Mr. Cammisano are themselves graduates of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. In accordance with the **Student Representation at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board** policy, two students and one substitute were appointed in November 2021. The committee members met four times during the 2021-2022 school year.

Acquisition of Land for a New School!

In April 2021, we completed the acquisition of land in Saint-Lin-Laurentides to build a new elementary school. Now that we have officially acquired the land, we will start the tendering process for professionals in accordance with the **Education Act** and begin planning the public consultation to establish the attendance zone for this new school scheduled to open in September 2024.

Kindergarten for 4-year-olds Gains in Popularity

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is one of the school boards in the province with the greatest growth in pre-kindergarten. When kindergarten for 4-year-olds was first introduced in 2018-2019, there were five classes. This number has grown significantly since then and, in 2021-2022, reached 45 classes across all 26 elementary schools of the school board, representing an increase of 24% from 2020-2021. This growth is excellent news for the English-speaking community and has a direct impact on student enrolment. An [information video](#) was produced by the Early Transitions team to explain the preschool program.

Graduation and Qualification Rate on the Rise

We are extremely proud of the increase in our graduation and qualification rate, which currently stands at 88.1%, ranking our school board first in Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière and among the top ten in the province out of the 72 school boards/school service centres. This graduation rate is a testament to the efforts and creativity deployed by everyone at the school board in keeping our students engaged and focused on the important goal of graduating.

Embracing Diversity Conference

The second edition of Embracing Diversity was held on January 7, 2022. It brought together key speakers and offered online workshops to employees seeking to better help and understand students with special needs. The family edition of Embracing Diversity, which took place on January 18, 2022, was attended by more than 100 families.

Infrastructure Upgrades

During the summer, many schools were upgraded in various ways. A total of \$11.3 million was invested, under maintenance activities. Classrooms and school parking lots underwent a wide range of renovations, portable classrooms were added, school yard improvements were made, ventilation systems were replaced, and staircases, ceilings and roofs were renovated.

Laurier Gala/Star Fest 2022

The traditional Laurier Gala and Star Fest event was finally held in person on May 26, 2022. It was good to come together once again and recognize student success and highlight student talent. The Star Fest portion of the evening, which included 19 performing acts, was hosted by Kelly Alexander, SWLSB alumni and radio host. In addition, 202 students were recognized throughout the evening for their achievements in the categories of academics, arts, sports, citizenship, and school perseverance.

Energy Efficiency

At the SWLSB, we are committed to constructing a greener future for our youth. Consequently, when renovating schools and centres, we make sure the work done will make our buildings more efficient and, as a result, reduce our carbon footprint.

In 2021-2022, the following energy efficiency projects took place:

- Twin Oaks Elementary School | Installation of electric boilers | Saved an estimated 50 tonnes of GHG emissions
- McCaig Elementary School | Ventilation updates and replacement of electric boiler | Saved an estimated 75 tonnes of GHG emissions
- Sainte-Adèle Elementary School | Installation of heat pump/oil. Text (BDC EMC BT 11 0 0 1 f e Td (E| ly Sr)37.5 (AlexalctualText

Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Portrait



Vision and Mission

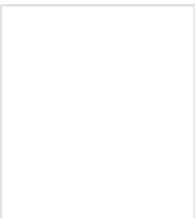
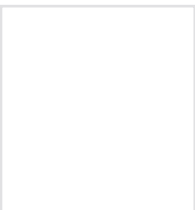
Vision

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board believes that all students deserve its complete commitment to their success.

Mission

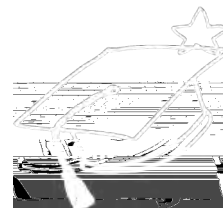
The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's mission is to provide engaging and innovative learning where everyone achieves success and well-being. To accomplish its mission the school board:

- Supports student success
- Prepares students for the future
- Offers equitable and varied educational options



Emilio Migliozi
Electoral Division 6
(resigned April 2022)

2018-2022 Commitment-to-Success Plan (CTSP)



The first version of the 2018-2022 Commitment-to-Success Plan (CTSP) was adopted by the Council of Commissioners on June 27, 2018.

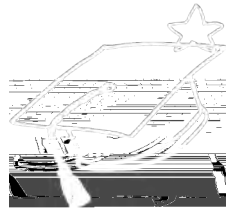
In the preparation stages, students, parents, staff, governing board members, alumni and community stakeholders, including elected officials, were consulted on the direction and orientations that should be the focus of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Following approval by the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ), the final version of the plan was adopted by Council on October 18, 2018.

The CTSP includes five orientations and five objectives (as illustrated below) aligned with those of the MEQ to ensure improved student success rates.

The 2021-2022 Annual Report focuses on the school board's results achieved in the fourth year of the 2018-2022 Commitment-to-Success Plan.

Our CTSP in Action

Survey Results



The 2021-2022 school year was another challenging year for students and staff. As always, our school/centre teams pulled together and made sure the school year would be a successful and memorable one for everyone. One of the orientations of the Commitment-to-Success Plan is to make sure students are **engaged in 60 minutes of physical activity each day!** To achieve this, various initiatives and activities took place throughout the year. Here are some examples:

- After-school cheerleading program
- Alpine and cross-country skiing activities
- Basketball, volleyball, judo and tennis
- Brain breaks
- Circus club
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Our CTSP in Action

Survey Results



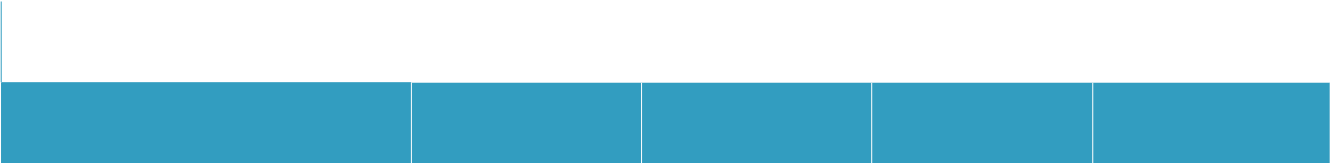
OBJECTIVE 5:

By 2030, ensure that all school buildings are in good condition

The age and condition of many of our buildings represent a challenge for providing a 21st century learning environment. Moreover, universal design principles were not considered in 20th century building and infrastructure design. Upgrades to our buildings continue to take place annually based on the available funding.

To bring our schools and centres up to the satisfactory level of the Facility Condition Index, the Material Resources and Transportation

Adult Education and Vocational Training



SWLSB Business Training Services

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board offers customized training and coaching services to businesses across the LLL territory through its business training division: QUALIFICATION. Since its launch in 2014, QUALIFICATION has continued to grow, going from \$36,000 in revenues to \$1,279,000 in 2021-2022.

In 2021-2022, QUALIFICATION generated a profit of \$192,695.

One of the strengths of the QUALIFICATION team is the ability to build strong partnerships. This year, the team signed off on agreements with three new socio-economic partners: Laval économique, Chambre de commerce et d'industrie Thérèse-De-Blainville and Chambre de commerce et d'industrie d'Argenteuil. These partnerships allowed QUALIFICATION to launch three innovative training programs and gain excellent visibility through these partners' networks.

The francization program for businesses remains very popular. This year, 81 groups started francization courses through the Business Training Division.

This year, with the help of marketing experts, QUALIFICATION developed a plan aimed at increasing online visibility. As a result, a new landing page was launched and two web marketing campaigns were developed. The statistics obtained showed that these initiatives were successful, and the team noticed an increase in requests on the website.

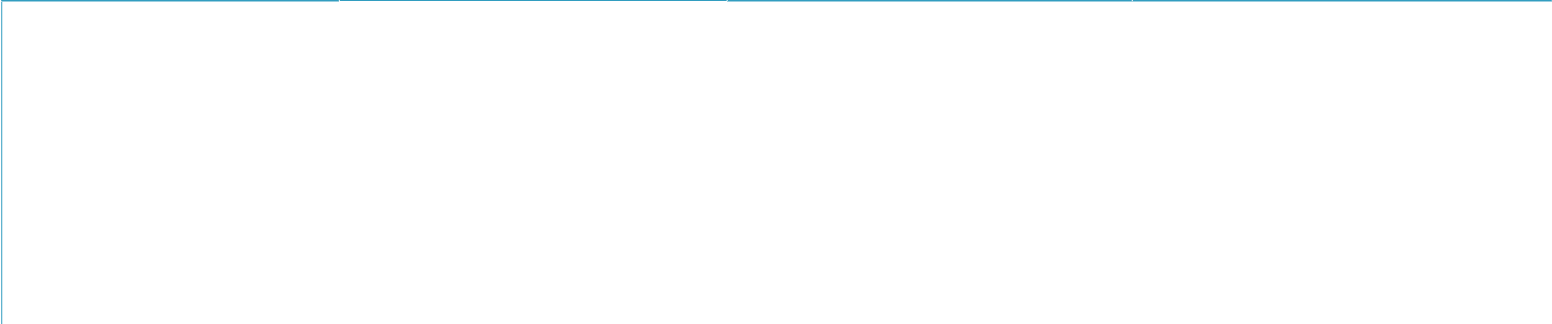
Excel, Outlook, MS 365, Communications, Team Management, Coaching, and English as a Second Language were among the courses offered over the course of the year. QUALIFICATION offers a wide variety of personalized training and coaching opportunities. You can find out more at www.qualification.ca.

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation is a non-profit organization that works in collaboration with businesses, parents and schools to build partnerships and raise funds to give back to the students of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Since 2006, the Foundation has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in our schools and centres and every year awards citizenship bursaries to graduating students in the youth and adult sectors. The money raised by the Foundation comes from two major fundraisers.

The Foundation, in partnership with the school board, also finances the annual Laurier Gala/Star Fest, an evening that recognizes more than 200 students in our school board and highlights the musical talents of over 20 students.

The Foundation was very happy to hold in-person events once again. During the 2021-2022 school year, it sponsored a new activity, the Défi Laurier, a track and field day during which approximately 150 students competed in several events at Laurentian Regional High School. In addition, after a three-year absence, the annual Laurier Gala was held on May 26, 2022. A total of 200 students chosen by their schools for excellence in different categories were treated to a musical concert put on by 20 SWLSB students who were fortunate this year to be accompanied by a live band! The Foundation's annual lobster gala was also held in person, and profits from this event were used to purchase bimodal teaching equipment. This equipment will greatly support distance learning, as

Parents' Committee Report



Ethics Commissioner and Student Ombudsman Reports

Ethics Commissioner

Alternate Student Ombudsman

For the year ending June 30, 2022, the undersigned, in my capacity as alternate student ombudsman for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, did not handle any complaint referrals.

Montreal, September 27, 2022

Me Vincent Guida

Alternate Student Ombudsman of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

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Finance Statement of Principle

