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EMSB boasts highest success rate among public school boards in Quebec

For the third year in a row the English Montreal School Board recorded the highest success rate in the entire province of Quebec among public school boards, figures released by The Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) show.

"This is all the more impressive given the fact the province-wide graduation rate is 78.8 per cent," stated EMSB chair Angela Mancini. "This achievement was made possible thanks to everyone associated with the EMSB, from our staff, parents, and volunteers and of course our students."

As Mancini emphasizes, "at the EMSB our goal is to ensure that all students achieve their full potential. Our diverse programs ensure enrichment for those who need it and remediation for others. The challenge of our pedagogues is to help each and every one of our students. An 89.4 per cent Success Rate is a testimony to how our board, through a variety

of initiatives, is achieving this goal. It is the firm commitment to our strategic plan and partnership agreements that make this success possible. Our phenomenal success rate is due to team work and perseverance. It is the strength of our team that makes us a great board."

The 89.4 per cent figure is based on a seven year cohort. It combines the high school graduation rate during that time period with the certification rate of students in the Work Orientation Training Pathway (WOTP). It followed the progression of students from 2008 to their graduating year in 2015 and represents an improvement from last year's total of 87.9 per cent.

In its partnership agreement with the ministry, the EMSB had a goal of 86 per cent for the graduating class of 2016 and 88 per cent for 2020. "We have surpassed that target and our 2020 objective," said Sandra Furfaro, EMSB director of educational and technology services.



To put the EMSB's present student Success Rates in full perspective, the average Success Rate among all Quebec schools (public and private) is 78.8 per cent while it stands at 74.9 per cent for public schools only.

The complete listing of how each board in the province did can be viewed on the EMSB website at www.emsb.qc.ca.

Students of the EMSB's primary and secondary institutions will return to class on Wednesday, Aug. 30. Kindergarten children must be five years of age on or before Sept. 30, 2017 while Grade 1 (Cycle 1) students must be six years old on or before the same date.

Registration for those not previously en-

rolled will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 15 for elementary and secondary schools. Parents are asked to call the school in their neighbourhood to make an appointment. Parents are urged to consult the Board's website at www.emsb.qc.ca, which also contains information about the successful adult education and vocational training programs. E-mail inquiries can be sent to informationdesk@emsb.qc.ca or you can call 514- 483-7200.

The EMSB serves more than 40,000 students at 35 elementary schools, 17 secondary schools, eight alternative outreach high schools, seven social affairs institutions and 10 adult and vocational centres. ■