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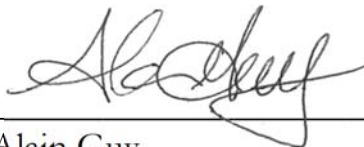
Re: Adoption of Bill 40

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

Following the adoption of Bill 40 on reforming the Québec education system, the Western Québec School Board will undertake the mandated modifications to its present governance structure to comply with the new legislation transforming school boards into service centres. Among other changes to the system, Bill 40 abolishes the current political structure of elected councils of commissioners. It is important to note, that while this change is immediate in the French school boards, Bill 40 has allowed for a transition period for the Anglophone school boards maintaining their present council of commissioners until November 2020. This will allow for elections to be organized to elect representatives to sit on new administrative councils. The rules, ward boundaries, and procedures outlining these elections will be made public in the very near future.

Western Québec is taking all necessary measures to ensure an orderly transition to service centres and that all changes are compliant to the requirements put forth in the new legislation. We are committed to ensuring that we continue to provide the best possible conditions for quality teaching and learning and student success.

As always, Western Québec will maintain the same values, mission, vision and objectives that have contributed to the success of our students and communities. We are committed to working with our partners to make the new governance structure beneficial for our students, parents, and staff.



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Chairman  
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