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## **IMPORTANT CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS AT RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Pierre Farmer, Assistant Director General and Director of Material Resources, will be retiring from Riverside School Board after 35 years. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr. Farmer for all the years of exceptional service and dedication that he has given to Riverside. We would like to wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of our new Assistant Director General, Mrs. Lucie Roy. As one of the longest-serving principals in our school board, Mrs. Roy has been at Riverside (and its predecessor boards) for over 25 years and has worked in education for 30 years. She has taught at all school levels, from Kindergarten to Adult Education and obtained her training as an International Baccalaureate school principal. From a teacher, principal, director and mother perspective, Mrs. Roy has a wide understanding of our school board and its community. She is known to be extremely effective, deliver results and to be an inspirational pedagogical leader.

We would also like to introduce our new Director of Material Resources, Mr. Pierre Gagnon. With his extensive experience and professional background of 28 years as an engineer in operations management, team and projects management in consulting engineering firms, as well as for his solid leadership qualities, technical and operational know-how and his knowledge of the construction industry and school network, he is definitely a strong addition to the school board.

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of our new Student Ombudsman, Mr. Enzo Di Ionia, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Having a Masters in Educational Psychology, diplomas in Special Education and in Education as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Mr. Di Ionia will provide an effective service where he will be able to advocate for a fair process and transparency for all. Mr. Di Ionia has a wealth of knowledge being a retired school principal of four Riverside School Board elementary schools. Prior to being appointed as a school principal, he was a special education consultant for the school board. He also worked as a special education teacher at both the elementary and high school levels for the Baldwin-Cartier School Board, now Lester B Pearson School Board. During his tenure at Baldwin Cartier, he also served one year as assistant principal for Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School. He also worked as a special education teacher, working with children for the C.E.C.M., now English Montreal School Board.



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Riverside School Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Peter Woodruff for his 6 years of services as Student Ombudsman. His countless hours contributed on informing parents and students on policies, procedures and/or structure, giving advice, active intervention and confidence has been invaluable to all. We wish Mr. Woodruff the best of luck in his future endeavours.

In closing, please join us in wishing Mrs. Lucie Roy, Mr. Pierre Gagnon and Mr. Enzo Di Iorio a warm welcome in their new positions at Riverside School Board.

Sincerely,



Dan Lamoureux  
Chair



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Director General

