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### Montérégie Region mobilized for Student Success !

*L'Instance régionale de concertation en persévérance scolaire et réussite éducative de la Montérégie (IRCM) kicks off!*

**Montérégie, February 5, 2018** – With the Hooked on School Days, taking place from February 12 to 16, 2018, fast approaching, the Montérégie region school boards are proud to announce the launch of *L'Instance régionale de concertation en persévérance scolaire et réussite éducative de la Montérégie* (IRCM). The IRCM's mission is to mobilize communities in order to promote educational success and perseverance of young people through the development of local joint initiatives. Thanks to the partnership with the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* (MEES) and the 11 Montérégie region school boards, the IRCM is currently supporting more than 100 projects that encourage student retention and educational success, as well as children, young people and their families' interest in reading and in books.

*"Several studies have shown that motivation for reading is an important predictor of academic success. Parents, municipal libraries, daycare services and community organizations can all help to encourage reading among children and young people," announced Hélène Roberge, recently elected Chair of the IRCM, and Chair of the Council of Commissioners at Des Patriotes School Board. "The IRCM and its partners will continue their commitment to literacy over the next year, but want to broaden the mobilization on other factors of school success by paying special attention to communities in vulnerable situations."*

#### Your actions, a + in their success...

Every year and now for the 12th year, Hooked on School Days remind students, parents, school staff, employers and all national and regional stakeholders of the community that they are all indispensable and have a role to play in student retention and educational success.



This year, Hooked on School Days will be held on the new theme "Your actions, a + in their success". Because a multitude of small actions add up to a real difference in a young person's success, from the beginning of his life to adulthood. Everyone can take actions that will represent a "+" for educational success and perseverance throughout a youth's schooling.

Hooked on School Days are made possible thanks to the financial support of the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* and the *Lucie and André Chagnon Foundation*.

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### ***About l'Instance régionale de concertation en persévérance scolaire et réussite éducative de la Montérégie (IRCM)***

The IRCM was officially established on November 16, 2017. Its members are the eleven Montérégie region school boards. The Board of Directors (CA) currently consists of five school representatives. Given the diversity of its territory, both in terms of its size and the particularities of its population, the IRCM operates around four concerted sub-territories: the Agglomeration of Longueuil, Montérégie East, Montérégie West and Vaudreuil- Soulanges.

In conjunction with the MEES, the Montérégie region school boards and their sub-territory partners, the Board of Directors will, in the coming months, begin the Montérégie IRC's course of actions and establish its governance model as well as its priorities.

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