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PRESS RELEASE

LIBERALS WILL NOT SUPPORT RETURNING GST TO OUR SCHOOL BOARDS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OTTAWA – May 13, 2016 – Member of Parliament Kevin Waugh is disappointed but not surprised that the Liberal Party will not support his Bill to refund school boards 100% of the GST they pay on the goods and services they purchase.

“Today, during second reading and debate, the Liberals made it perfectly clear they will not support my Bill C-241. When school authorities across the country are literally scrambling to maintain their standards of service for our children this government will not help” said MP Waugh. “It is shameful that they won’t support our children.”

Mr. Waugh has had wide support from across Canada for his Bill. He was copied on a letter to the Prime Minister from the Canadian School Boards Association which read in part - **This is not about the federal government sending money to school boards; it is about stopping the claw-back of the support provided through provincial grants and federal transfer payments. It is illogical that school boards, as publicly funded – taxpayer funded - institutions, should be paying the Goods and Services Tax.** The Calgary School Board, one of the largest in Canada, wrote: **Since 2009, our revenues have not kept pace with growth and inflationary pressures which means that we are constantly attempting to do more with less.**

“Most people do not realize that schools have to pay GST on everything” said MP Waugh. “This is a tax on taxpayer supported institutions. It is just not right but if I’m defeated this time, I will raise it again at the earliest opportunity. I’m not giving up on this”.

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