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June 20, 2016

*Mr. Kevin Waugh  
Member of Parliament  
Saskatoon-Grasswood  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6*

*Dear Mr. Waugh:*

*At a meeting held June 6, 2016, the Board of Trustees approved a motion that the Chair of the Board write a letter in support of Bill C-241, an amendment to the Excise Tax Act (school authorities).*

*The Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees would like to thank you for undertaking the initiative reflected in Bill C-241. The Board fully supports this legislation and encourages all Members of Parliament to support the amendment to increase the GST rebate from 68% to 100% for all school divisions.*

*This initiative reflects the Board's belief that the purchase of supplies and services required for the critical operation of public schooling should be exempt from taxation levied by all levels of government: federal, provincial and municipal. If the GST rebate were 100%, the Winnipeg School Division would receive approximately \$1,000,000.00 that could be used to support additional teaching staff, classrooms or enhanced support for students.*

*Thank you for your support for public education.*

*Sincerely,*

  
*Mark Wasyliv  
Board Chair*

*c.c. The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister  
The Honourable Rona Ambrose, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada  
The Honourable Thomas Mulcair, Leader of the New Democratic Party  
The Honourable Rhéal Fortin, Leader of the Bloc Québécois  
The Honourable Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party  
All Manitoba Members of Parliament  
All Manitoba School Boards*