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PRESS RELEASE

EMSB TAKES BOLD STEP TOWARDS ENERGY EFFICIENCY

MONTREAL, APRIL 23, 2014 – The English Montreal School Board Council of Commissioners has accepted a proposal from energy efficiency experts Énergère to begin a feasibility study that will lay the foundation for a proposed bolstering of the energy efficiency of 17 schools and centres.

This project consists, among other measures, of modernizing equipment using aerothermal technology, and adding more control points to enhance the comfort of staff and students. Once the project is complete, the 17 buildings will realize a 50 percent reduction in energy consumption and a 72 percent reduction in Green House Gas emissions. Lighting in halls, stairways, and classrooms will be converted from fluorescent to leading technology LED which will save energy, last longer, and simplify maintenance and care while maintaining or enhancing lighting levels. Savings are projected to amount to more that \$1 million per year once all measures are installed.

The EMSB received proposals from three firms for such a project. Énergère’s project was deemed to be the best and now the company has five months to present the EMSB Council of Commissioners with a detailed study that will confirm the results projected by their proposal.

“The process to choose a firm is rigorous and we followed it very precisely,” said EMSB Chairman Angela Mancini. “The proposal we retained met and surpassed the goals we set and when completed and paid, will provide the EMSB with important savings that will allow us to increase and improve services to students across the Board,”

Énergère Director of Major Accounts, Marcus Tabachnick, added that the project is fully guaranteed on four levels: plans, costs, incentives, and savings results. It is a win-win, turnkey project that fits well with the objectives of the EMSB Green Plan and will benefit the community at large.”

Added Daniel Hogue, EMSB Director of Material Resources: “The project provides us with leading-edge energy technology, more control points that will ensure greater comfort for students and staff while offering the EMSB greater control over maintenance and associated operational costs.”

The feasibility study report will be deposited with the EMSB Council of Commissioners in August, for final approval in September. Work will then be scheduled to begin in the summer of

2015 and completed by December 2016.

“The project will put the EMSB in line or ahead of the targets for energy efficiency set by the government and we will be leaders in terms of environmental awareness and concrete actions that show our level of commitment,” added Mancini. “When the project is fully implemented at least 11 of the 17 schools will qualify to be certified carbon-neutral. That is something of which our entire Board can be rightly proud.”

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