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Award Given Recognizing Samuel Burland Parent Association

(Winnipeg, April 24, 2014) – *Samuel Burland Parent Association (Louis Riel School Division)* was awarded the *Parent Council Recognition Award* by Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) at its Annual Banquet on April 25, 2014 at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg.

Samuel Burland Parent Association was nominated by school principal, Arpena Babajan and vice principal, Connie Stanley. Highlights of the group's achievements include:

- Educating parents about the impact of the school's social-emotional learning goals by hosting parent information evenings
- Working together with the school and community to address student safety and traffic safety concerns
- Engaging collaboratively with staff and administration on the annual school and divisional planning process, as well as special events
- Supporting literacy, fitness, and school improvement projects
- Encouraging active living with students and the community by refurbishing and enhancing play structures and school grounds
- Assisting with family and community transitions to Samuel Burland School to address overcrowding in French Immersion schools

"This group takes its multiple roles seriously, working with the staff and school administration to realize the educational goals in our school plan," states Babajan. "They enthusiastically endorse our school's shared beliefs in citizenship, attitude, respect and responsibility, empathy and safety, summarized in the motto, *"Burland CARES."*

Nominees J.R. Reid Parent Council (Brandon School Division), Inglis School Parent Advisory Council (Park West School Division), Ecole Howden Parent Advisory Council (Louis Riel School Division), and William S. Patterson School Parent Advisory Council (Lord Selkirk School Division) were also recognized and congratulated for the valuable contributions made to their respective school communities.

The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils Recognition Award was established in 2009 as an opportunity to highlight the extraordinary efforts put forth by school based parent groups to support, promote, and enhance meaningful parental involvement in Manitoba's education system. Representatives from educational stakeholder groups are invited to serve on the judging panel and review each nomination to determine the annual recipient.

The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils is dedicated to supporting, promoting, and enhancing meaningful involvement and participation of parents in order to improve the education and well-being of children in Manitoba.

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