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Award Given Recognizing Wayoata Elementary Community Council

(Winnipeg, May 05, 2018) – *Wayoata Elementary Community Council (River East Transcona School Division)* was awarded the *Parent Council Recognition Award* by Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) at its Annual Conference on May 05, 2018 at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre in Winnipeg.

Wayoata Elementary Community Council was nominated by school Principal, Kerry Cressall. Some of the highlights of the group's achievements include:

- Purchasing equipment for the school music program to save families the expense of rentals
- Organizing family events in the school community
- Participating and engaging in annual school planning
- Operating an inclusive and dedicated parent council

"The Community Council always finds a way to accomplish whatever goal the school or they put forward," states Cressall. "It does not matter what the goal is nor does it matter what obstacles may be standing in the way, this Community Council finds a way to make it happen."

Recognition was also extended to *Minnetonka School Parent Advisory Council (Louis Riel School Division)*, *Ecole Provencher Parent Advisory Council (Louis Riel School Division)*, *Rapid City Parent Group (Rolling River School Division)*, *Ecole St. Norbert Immersion Advisory Council (Seine River School Division)*, *Tanner's Crossing School Parent Advisory Council (Rolling River School Division)*, *Wakada School Parent Advisory Council (Southwest Horizon School Division)*, and *Ecole Sage Creek Parent Advisory Council (Louis Riel School Division)* for their hard work and support of the parent voice and involvement in 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 an annual recipient.

The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils is dedicated to supporting, promoting, and enhancing meaningful involvement of parents and caregivers within school communities, representing their voice to all educational stakeholders to improve the education and well-being of children in Manitoba.

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