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Parent Volunteer Honoured

(Winnipeg, May 05, 2017) – *Ecole LaVerendrye* and *Ecole Sir William Osler School* volunteer, Salena Buchan, was awarded the *Judy Aiken Memorial Award* by Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) at its Annual Banquet on May 05, 2017 at the Victoria Inn and Conference Centre in Winnipeg.

Since 2013, Ms. Buchan has served as a volunteer on the *Ecole LaVerendrye* Community Council and on *Ecole Sir William Osler School* Parent Advisory Council since 2016. Both schools are located in the Winnipeg School Division. Her volunteer work includes:

- Leading a parent movement to address space concerns in her school community
- Organizing pizza lunch days in both school communities
- Collaborating with the school community about daycare space for students
- Participating in the organization of a lunch program for students
- Creating a Parent Advisory Council for *Ecole Sir William Osler*
- Participating actively in all aspects of the school community and parent council

“Salena has given a lot of time and energy to both schools and is always upbeat and cheerful,” states Nominator Stacy Huard. “She always has time to volunteer at one of the schools whenever a call out for volunteers happens. Her commitment to both school communities is inspiring.”

Nominations were also received for Nicole Caron (*Ecole Van Belleghem, Louis Riel School Division*) and Marleen Pollok (*Ecole Garden Grove School, Winnipeg School Division*). Each of them were commended for their exemplary service contributions and volunteerism in their respective school communities.

The Judy Aiken Memorial Award was established in 2004 to honour the memory of Judy Aiken - a long standing member of the Manitoba Home and School Parent Teacher Federation which later became MAPC. Ms. Aiken’s family and MAPC established the award to recognize exceptional individuals who, through their actions and efforts on behalf of their school parent associations, have made a significant contribution to their school community.

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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