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Dear fellow Marymount parent,

As the outgoing chair of Marymount's Governing Board, it is my distinct privilege to invite you to our Annual General Assembly and Governing Board elections. This is an important opportunity for you to directly contribute and influence policies and activities at our school, and beyond.

Information Night and Parent General Assembly

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Information Night: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

General Assembly/Governing Board Elections: 8:00pm

As Mr Fequet mentioned in his message last week, this meeting will take place in-person inside Marymount's cafeteria. While not ideal in the COVID era, the EMSB felt that this was the best way to ensure that only eligible parents exercise their right to vote in Governing Board elections. Rest assured, the school administration will be taking all necessary precautions to ensure your safety. Seating will be spread out to ensure social distancing, and masks will be required for all attendees.

Most importantly, you **MUST** register in advance to attend this assembly. An email will be sent by the school administration to confirm your presence later this week. A staff member will greet you at the door to verify attendance. As we are trying our best to limit crowds within the building, we ask that only voting parents attend, and children be left at home.

Governing Board membership takes on new meaning

Being a parent representative on our school's Governing Board is especially key this year. With changes to Government legislation regarding public education, Governing Boards have more responsibilities than ever before, and parent representatives have even more important roles to play. From among our Governing Board parent representatives, you will also choose Marymount's delegate for the EMSB Parents' Committee, our voice on issues that affect the entire Board and our most effective way to advocate for changes to public education policy in Quebec City.

Any parent can be a candidate for a Governing Board position. If you are ready and willing to make a concrete contribution to the success of our school, and have skills you want to share, now is the time to act and become a part of this crucial governing body. It is the best way to directly influence what happens at our school and our school board. Please note that if you can't attend in person, but would instead like to present your candidacy by proxy, please contact me at aross@emsb.qc.ca for details on how to proceed.

Parent engagement in our public education system has never been more important, and it depends on you. I strongly encourage you to attend, and hope to see you there on Thursday.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ross
Governing Board Chair