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Trustee LaGrange Disqualified as Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Trustee for Violating Sanctions

For immediate release – November 14, 2023

Red Deer, AB - This morning, the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) Board of Trustees made the decision to disqualify Trustee Monique LaGrange from remaining as a trustee of the Board due to LaGrange violating sanctions issued on September 26, 2023 and further violations of Board Policy and the Education Act. This decision was made following careful consideration and deliberation, with a commitment to maintaining RDCRS' foundational statements of supporting inclusive learning communities that foster care and compassion for students, families and staff. As a result of the disqualification, as per Section 90 of the Education Act, LaGrange resigned from her position this morning. Effective today, Mrs. LaGrange is no longer a member of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Board of Trustees.

The motion reads:

BE IT RESOLVED that further to the November 13 and 14, 2023, in camera discussions, and after having carefully considered all the points raised therein, and in accordance with Board Policy and the Education Act, Trustee LaGrange has violated sanctions issued on September 26, 2023, and had further violated Board Policy and the Education Act. As a result, Trustee LaGrange is hereby disqualified under section 87(1)(c) of the Education Act and Board Policy from remaining as a school board trustee. The Board will issue detailed reasons in support of this Board motion on or before November 24, 2023.

Board Chair Murray Hollman, issued the following statement:

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"As the Chair of the RDCRS Board of Trustees, I affirm our unwavering dedication to fostering a safe, secure, caring, respectful and inclusive learning environment for our students, staff and community members. Regrettably, as a result of Trustee LaGrange's violation of the sanctions placed on her on September 26, 2023, as well as her additional violations of Board Policy and the Education Act, the Board made the challenging decision to disqualify Trustee LaGrange."

The RDCRS Board of Trustees will continue to work diligently to advance our educational objectives and maintain the trust and support of our community.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,650 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 850 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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