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Lester B. Pearson School Board and Marguerite Bourgeoys School Board to host Linguistic Exchange

Dorval QC., April 29, 2010 – St. Edmund Elementary, of the Lester B. Pearson School Board (LBPSB) and St. Remi Elementary of the Marguerite Bourgeoys School Board will take part in a linguistic exchange. The exchange will have both schools participate in a friendly “World Cup” soccer fest.

Students in grades five and six from both schools will be playing soccer in the round-robin tournament. The teams will be mixed with students from each school and conversation in both English and French will be encouraged. Snacks will be served to the participants, courtesy of both school boards and parents have been invited to come and cheer the children on.

The linguistic exchange is part of the LBPSB’s ongoing effort to increase the level of French in its schools. “This highlights the efforts that our Board is making in light of the Major School Change decision we took to enhance the practical use of French at all levels. This is but one of what we expect will be many exchange initiatives by Lester B. Pearson schools to increase the day-to-day use of French,” said Marcus Tabachnick, Chairman of the LBPSB.

The “World Cup” soccer fest will be taking place on Monday, May 3rd between 9:00am and 11:00am at City Lane Park in Beaconsfield.

The Lester B. Pearson School Board is an English school board serving more than 32,000 students and staff in 60 schools, adult and vocational centres, an International Language Centre, and an Administrative Centre on a territory from Verdun westward to the Ontario border. The Lester B. Pearson School Board is recognized locally, nationally and internationally as a progressive and innovative public education institution pioneering a model of inclusive education and an acclaimed International Studies Program. It is also the first school board in Quebec to pilot a universally-available half-day Kindergarten program for 4 year olds and a tri-lingual International full-day Pre-Kindergarten program.

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