



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE SIR-WILFRID-LAURIER
SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD

ANNUAL SCHOOL TAX MAILING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Why are there two payment coupons?

- A. Amounts equal to or over \$300 are now payable in two amounts divided equally. The first payment is due August 14, 2017, and the second on November 03, 2017.

Q. Can I pay the full amount now and where can I pay?

- A. Yes, at any financial institution or mail a cheque with the first coupon using the envelope enclosed.
Please note that we do not accept any payments at the School Board.

Q. Can I pay by internet?

- A. Yes, with your financial institution – telephone or internet banking as all other payments. Please use the reference number starting with 02584 when entering your payment.

Q. Will I have interest charged to me if I pay after August 14th?

- A. If the first payment is not made by the first due date of August 14th, then the full account becomes due and interest is charged daily, at a rate of 15% annually, until the account is paid.

Q. I am having difficulty getting through on the phone line (local 1341). Is there another way to communicate with the Taxation Department?

- A. During the summer months we experience a high volume of calls making it difficult to respond quickly to every caller. At this time it is faster to communicate by e-mail at taxes@swlauriersb.qc.ca

Q. Is the tax rate the same as the French school board?

- A. The tax rate is not always the same between the French school boards and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. The tax rate is based on a maximum tax ceiling calculated by the Ministry and consequently is different for each school board.

The differences in taxation rates between school boards are governed by the provisions in the Education Act and can only be modified by the Government of Quebec.



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Q. Why am I receiving an invoice from the French School Board this year even though I signed a form to change to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board before April 1st?

A. If you are a new owner, the change will be effective only when the official certificate from the city is registered with the school board. Unfortunately, sometimes these changes are received after April 1st and thus the form will be effective only the following taxation year.

Q. How is the averaging calculated?

A. The difference between the previous municipal valuation roll and the new municipal valuation roll is divided by three and added to the previous year's valuation, whether it is an increase or a decrease.

2013 – 2015 Previous roll	2016 – 2018 New roll	Difference	2016/2017 Value for school taxes	2017/2018 Value for school taxes	2018/2019 Value for school taxes
\$100,000	\$130,000	\$30,000	\$110,000	\$120,000	\$130,000

Q. Why is there no averaging on my account?

A. If there was a change in valuation after January 1st, the law provides that there is no averaging.

Q. What does the School Board do with the monies collected from school taxes?

A. Please refer to the pamphlet enclosed with your tax bill and our website for a detailed explanation.

Q. Will I receive a reminder from the School Board if my account remains unpaid after the November due date?

A. The school board does **not** send reminders or notices for unpaid invoices.

Q. Can I obtain a receipt for income tax purposes?

A. The original bill that is mailed to you is considered your receipt for income tax purposes. There is a \$20.00 fee to issue a duplicate invoice or receipt.

Q. Can I obtain a copy of my invoice on-line?

A. The school tax bill is now available on-line by clicking on the button "Visitor". Please refer to our website for the direct link. Take note that past due balances, including interest charges, are not



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included on the school tax bill. The Taxation Department must be contacted to obtain the current balance due.

Q. What action should be taken if the property changes hands but the invoice is still addressed to the previous owner?

- A.** The new owner must pay this bill before the due date despite the fact it may have been addressed to the previous owner in order to avoid paying interest charges. If you are not the owner of the immovable for which this bill has been issued, please forward this bill to the new owner or return it to us.