Marie-Claire Rouleau appointed General Director of *Avenir d'enfants*



Montreal, May 16, 2013 – Lucienne Robillard, President of the Board of Directors of Avenir d'enfants, is pleased to announce the appointment of Marie-Claire Rouleau to the position of General Director of Avenir d'enfants. "The Board of Directors has chosen a highly qualified candidate," said Ms. Robillard enthusiastically. "Marie-Claire Rouleau has had an extremely impressive career, and comes to us with a great deal of very valuable experience."

Indeed, Marie-Claire Rouleau has been active in the field of education for 35 years—first as teacher, then as Director in the public and private sectors, both French and

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English. Since 2012, she has been the regional representative for the Quebec Ministry of Education, Recreation and Sports for the support of schools located

in disadvantaged areas in Laval, the Laurentians and Lanaudière. Before holding that position, she was *Deputy Director General* at the *Commission scolaire des Affluents (Lanaudière)* and President and member of the Board of Directors of the *Comité régional pour la valorisation de l'éducation dans Lanaudière* (a regional committee to promote education). Ms. Rouleau is also a committed volunteer. With a passion for speed skating, she has been President of the Board of Directors of Speed Skating Canada since 2008.

Marie-Claire Rouleau will assume her new responsibilities on June 3, 2013. Until that time, General Secretary Julie Meloche will serve as Interim Executive Manager.

Lyse Brunet, a model of leadership at Avenir d'enfants

Lucienne Robillard concluded her announcement with praise for the accomplishments of Lyse Brunet during her five-year mandate as General Director of Avenir d'enfants. "On behalf of myself and my colleagues, I wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Brunet for her unfailing leadership and commitment to the mission of our organization. Under her guidance, Avenir d'enfants has expanded throughout Quebec, offering support to over 140 local partnership groups representing over 2,000 organizations committed to early childhood development. Lyse Brunet leaves us with the legacy of a solid foundation on which Avenir d'enfants will be able to continue to build."

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