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### **McEvoy Re-Elected Chairman of Greater Victoria School Board**

Michael McEvoy was re-elected to his second term as Chairman of the Greater Victoria School Board at last night's inaugural meeting.

McEvoy noted that the swearing-in of the newly elected Board came the same day as the Province released graduation statistics showing Greater Victoria grad rates hit a 30 year high of 76 per cent.

"We have worked very hard to increase our grad rates and I am very pleased with the latest figures" adding, "the direction is very positive – we now have the highest graduation rate on the South Island".

McEvoy was also pleased with the elected Board leadership.

Tom Ferris was elected Vice-Chairman. Joining Vice-Chairman Tom Ferris is Bev Horsman as Chair of the Education Policy Standing committee and Mark Walsh as Chair of the Operations Standing Committee.

McEvoy said that all slates running in the recent school board election are represented at the leadership table. "The Standing Committee's and the Vice-Chairman play a key role in Board deliberations and it was important to reach out to all groups around the table to move forward for the benefit of our students".

All nine incumbents were re-elected to the Greater Victoria School Board following the election held November 19<sup>th</sup>.

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