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COVID-19 Pandemic

**The government is moving ahead to July 1, 2020  
the reduction of the school tax**

**Québec City, June 10, 2020** – To afford individuals and businesses greater financial flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic, the government is moving ahead to July 1, 2020 the reduction of the single school tax rate.

The government had already announced in Budget 2020-2021 an additional reduction of nearly \$182 million in the tax burden of property owners that attained two-thirds of the anticipated reduction. The addition of nearly \$173 million is enabling the government to announce today full standardization this year.

Accordingly, property owners will benefit from a \$355-million reduction in their tax burden for 2020-2021.

The school tax rate applicable to Québec for the period from July 2020 to June 2021 will thus be set at \$0.1054 per \$100 of standardized property assessment.

All told, the reductions announced last year and this year represent an annual saving of \$622 million for taxpayers.

“This acceleration in the reduction of the school tax rate is an effective way to afford Quebecers financial flexibility when they need it the most. We are fulfilling our commitment to eliminate injustice between the regions by standardizing the school tax rate to the lowest rate in Québec. Lastly, it should be noted that the reduction of the school tax rate has no impact on funding for the education network.”

Eric Girard, Minister of Finance

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**Appendix**  
**– Impact of the school tax reduction by region –**

This appendix compares the situation of taxpayers in July 2020 with that prevailing in 2018 when the commitment was made.

**Illustration of the reduction in the school tax for a residence with a value of \$275 000**

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	2018		Single rate – July 2020		Difference
	(1) Tax rate	(2) School tax	(1), (3) Tax rate	(2) School tax	
Bas-Saint-Laurent	0.26107	653	0.10540	264	<b>-389</b>
Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean	0.30932	773	0.10540	264	<b>-509</b>
Capitale-Nationale	0.13360	334	0.10540	264	<b>-70</b>
Mauricie	0.30932	773	0.10540	264	<b>-509</b>
Estrie	0.18434	461	0.10540	264	<b>-197</b>
Montréal	0.17832	446	0.10540	264	<b>-182</b>
Outaouais	0.13694	342	0.10540	264	<b>-78</b>
Abitibi-Témiscamingue	0.13694	342	0.10540	264	<b>-78</b>
Côte-Nord	0.23901	598	0.10540	264	<b>-334</b>
Nord-du-Québec	0.30551	764	0.10540	264	<b>-500</b>
Gaspésie	0.28500	713	0.10540	264	<b>-449</b>
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	0.28420	711	0.10540	264	<b>-447</b>
Chaudière-Appalaches	0.22586	565	0.10540	264	<b>-301</b>
Laval	0.23095	577	0.10540	264	<b>-313</b>
Lanaudière	0.27072	677	0.10540	264	<b>-413</b>
Laurentides <sup>(4)</sup>	0.10540	264	0.10540	264	<b>—</b>
Montérégie	0.17832	446	0.10540	264	<b>-182</b>
Centre-du-Québec	0.29640	741	0.10540	264	<b>-477</b>

Note: In 2019, the average value of a single-family home in Québec was \$275 148 according to data compiled by the Institut de la statistique du Québec and available from the Banque de données des statistiques officielles sur le Québec.

(1) The rate is applicable per \$100 of adjusted standardized property assessment.

(2) The school tax payable includes the basic exemption of the first \$25 000 of adjusted standardized property assessment.

(3) The single school tax rate corresponds to the lowest effective taxation rate in Québec in 2018-2019, that is, the rate in the Laurentides region.

(4) Taxpayers in the Laurentides region already benefit from the lowest school taxation rate in Québec.