

EMSB principal named tops

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Montreal principal Anna Sanalidro has been named one of Canada's outstanding principals for 2017. The principal of Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School in Rosemont was selected along

with 39 other Canadian educators as part of the 13th annual Learning Partnership initiative honouring principals for exemplary leadership.

"She is wonderful," says Ward 6 EMSB commissioner Agostino Cannavino. "She came into the school and took it upon herself to

bring the community together."

A teacher, math consultant and administrator at both elementary and secondary schools who became PET principal in 2014, she began her tenure at a school with diverse student needs by engaging all stakeholders and focusing on STEAM (Science, Technology,

Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). Sanalidro upgraded school technology, removed barriers to collaboration and created two classrooms focusing on social, emotional and educational development. "She never stops working, day and night," says Cannavino. "She comes on weekends for painting and repairing the building. I've never seen anything like it."

Cannavino knows what the Learning Partnership has recently discovered: "She's outstanding and makes the school shine. We need people like this to help increase enrollment and put the focus on kids and involve parents: that's exactly what she's doing. I hope she will be around for a long time to come."

The program recognizes the

unique and vital contribution of principals in publicly funded schools, who are nominated by parents, colleagues, and community members, and chosen by a national selection committee, for demonstrating innovation, leadership and for employing creativity in finding solutions and opportunities within their school communities.

Winners will be officially acknowledged at the annual Canada's Outstanding Principals gala on Feb. 28 at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel and will attend an exclusive five-day executive leadership training program at one of Canada's top business schools, the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. ■

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