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## SD22 BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIR

**November 24, 2020:**

The School District No. 22 (Vernon) Board of Education has elected Mrs. Gen Acton as chair of the Board. Gen has served as the vice chair for two years and is looking forward to working with the staff and community to build on the district vision:

*To create a safe, healthy and respectful learning community that enables each student to build a bright future.*

Gen is a Registered Professional Counsellor in private practice. Gen's children and step children have attended schools in Lumby, Coldstream and Vernon. Gen has been a strong supporter of the International Program hosting nine international students over the last 12 years.

Mr. Tom Williamson has been elected vice chair. Tom is a well known educator in SD22. He taught at Kalamalka and Vernon secondary schools and was instrumental in developing our excellent careers program including RCMP Youth, Hockey Canada Skills, and Golf academies.

Robert Lee decided not to run for chair as he wanted to build the leadership experience and capacity of all board members. He has enjoyed his time as chair and always put students at the centre of his decisions. He looks forward to supporting Gen Acton in her new role.