



MEDIA RELEASE

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SD 22 announces Principal and Vice-Principal moves for 2022-2023

School District 22 (Vernon) has some change opportunities due to retirements, moves, and a choice to return to the classroom. Retirements allow for movement throughout the district from senior levels and throughout. After the Spring Break, our teachers will begin their moves as spring postings and staffing for the 2022-2023 school year gets underway. Postings for all jobs in education, including support staff, will involve changes, up to and including, the early Fall.

With change, comes learning. And in education, learning is the ultimate goal.

“Some moves come as requests, for personal career development and new learning. Others may have to do with district priorities, succession planning, or to cover an illness,” states Superintendent Christine Perkins. “For new leadership, it is a good opportunity to move to another school other than the one you were a teacher at. Change is good for all of us, and we want to build capacity within all the members of our learning community.”

Alternate Learning Programs (ALP) – including Crossroads, and Open Door

Rana Grace (currently District Principal of Alternate Programs and vLearn) will become **Principal at Harwood Elementary**.

Gus Busenius (currently Vice-Principal at W.L. Seaton) will become **Interim Principal of ALP, Crossroads, and Open Door** located at ALP.

Dianne Ballance (currently District Vice-Principal Student Services) will become **District Principal of Student Support Services** and located at Open Door.

vLearn

Corinne McWhinney (currently Vice-Principal of Alternate Programs including vLearn) will become **Vice-Principal of vLearn K-12**.

Josh Vance (currently District Principal of Career Education) will become **District Principal of vLearn K-12 and Career Education** located at Clarence Fulton.

Bloom Family of Schools

Andrew Affleck (currently Vice-Principal of Charles Bloom) will become **Vice-Principal at Kalamalka Secondary**.

Josh Gutknecht (currently Vice-Principal at J. W. Inglis Elementary) will become **Vice-Principal at Charles Bloom Secondary**. Short-listing and interviews will be held for Vice-Principal of J.W. Inglis Elementary in the next month. The school community will also be consulted about school needs.

All other positions remain the same in the Bloom Family of Schools which includes Charles Bloom Secondary, J.W. Inglis Elementary, and Cherryville Elementary:

- Melissa Yurkowski (Principal at Charles Bloom Secondary)
- Mary Takasaka (Principal at J.W. Inglis)
- Carrie Sutch (Principal at Cherryville Elementary)

Fulton Family of Schools

Lynn Seed (currently Principal of Clarence Fulton Secondary) will become Principal at **Vernon Secondary School**. Short-listing and interviews will be held for Principal of Clarence Fulton Secondary in the next month. The school community will also be consulted about school needs.

All other positions remain the same in the Fulton Family of Schools which includes Clarence Fulton Secondary, Okanagan Landing Elementary, Mission Hill Elementary, and Ellison Elementary.

- Mike Edgar (Vice-Principal at Clarence Fulton Secondary School)
- Jodi Van Der Meer (Principal at Okanagan Landing)
- Ken Wandeler (Vice-Principal at Okanagan Landing)
- Devon Tyssen (Principal at Mission Hill)
- Lisa Quiring (Vice-Principal at Mission Hill)
- Brian Smith (Principal at Ellison Elementary)
- Kyle Doerksen (Vice-Principal at Ellison Elementary)

Kalamalka Family of Schools

Jeff Huggins (currently Principal at W.L. Seaton Secondary) will become **Principal at Kalamalka Secondary**. In April, the school community will be consulted about school needs and the information will be communicated to the new Principal.

Brad Krahn (currently Vice-Principal at Kalamalka Secondary) has announced his retirement.

Andrew Affleck (currently Vice-Principal of Charles Bloom Secondary) will become **Vice-Principal at Kalamalka Secondary**. In April, the school community will be consulted about school needs and the information will be communicated to the new Vice-Principal.

Mike Grace (currently Principal at Kalamalka Secondary) will become **Principal at W.L. Seaton Secondary**.

Dan Curtis (currently Vice-Principal at Coldstream Elementary) has announced his return to teaching full-time.

Mike Sutch (currently Principal of Alexis Park Elementary) will become **Associate-Principal of Coldstream Elementary for one year**. Principal Sutch will have his own school again in the 2023-2024 school year. In April, the school community will be consulted about school needs and the information will be communicated to the new Vice-Principal.

All other positions remain the same in the Kalamalka Family of Schools which includes Kalamalka Secondary, Kidston Elementary, Coldstream Elementary, and Lavington Elementary:

- Colline Johnson (Principal at Coldstream Elementary)
- Debbie Cullum (Principal at Kidston Elementary)
- Angie Salmon (Vice-Principal at Kidston Elementary)
- Nigel Maccagno (Principal at Lavington Elementary)

W.L. Seaton Family of Schools

Jeff Huggins (currently Principal at W.L. Seaton Secondary) will become **Principal at Kalamalka Secondary**.

Mike Grace (currently Principal at Kalamalka Secondary) will become **Principal at W.L. Seaton Secondary**.

Gus Busenius (currently Vice-Principal at W.L. Seaton Secondary School) will become **Principal of ALP, Crossroads, and Open Door**. This will leave a Vice-Principal opening at W.L. Seaton Secondary. Short-listing and interviews will be held for Vice-Principal at W.L. Seaton in the next month. The school community will also be consulted about school needs.

Elizabeth Brown (currently Vice-Principal Two at W.L. Seaton Secondary) will return to teaching. This was a term position.

Dave Lafontaine (currently District Vice-Principal, Indigenous Education) will become **District Principal Indigenous Education** and located in W.L. Seaton Secondary.

Mike Sutch (currently Principal of Alexis Park Elementary) will become **Associate-Principal of Coldstream Elementary for one year**.

Jennifer Friesen (currently District Vice-Principal of Early Learning) will become **District Principal of Alexis Park Elementary** and will retain the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) portfolio.

Kim Erven-Culler (currently Vice-Principal at Silver Star Elementary) will become **Vice-Principal of Alexis Park Elementary**. Alexis Park will become a new hub for Vice-Principal Early Learning and Child Care training and leadership at the Elementary level.

Lea Sherwood (currently Principal at Harwood Elementary) has announced her return to Alberta.

Rana Grace (currently Principal of Alternate Programs including vLearn) will become **Principal at Harwood Elementary**. In April, the school community will be consulted about school needs and the information will be communicated to the new Principal.

All other positions remain the same in the W.L. Seaton Family of Schools which includes W.L. Seaton Secondary, Alexis Park Elementary, Beirsto Elementary, and Harwood Elementary:

- Cordell Ware (Vice-Principal at Alexis Park Elementary)
- Moira Manthorne (Principal at Beirsto Elementary)
- Maxine Champion (Vice-Principal at Beirsto Elementary)
- Erik Nielsen (Vice-Principal at Harwood Elementary)

VSS Family of Schools

Ken Gatzke (currently Principal at Vernon Secondary) has announced his retirement.

Lynn Seed (currently Principal at Clarence Fulton Secondary) will become **Principal at Vernon Secondary School**. In April, the school community will be consulted about school needs and the information will be communicated to the new Principal.

Kim Erven-Culler (currently Vice-Principal at Silver Star Elementary) will become **Vice-Principal of Alexis Park Elementary**. Short-listing and interviews will be held for Vice-Principal of Silver Star Elementary in the next month. The school community will also be consulted about school needs.

All other positions remain the same in the VSS Family of Schools which includes Vernon Secondary, Silver Star Elementary, Hillview Elementary, and BX Elementary.

- Lyle Chapman (Vice-Principal) at Vernon Secondary School
- Jacquie Taylor (Principal at Silver Start Elementary)
- Angela Utley (Principal at Hillview Elementary)
- Karen Rogers (Vice-Principal at Hillview Elementary)
- Lance Johnson (Principal at BX Elementary)
- Louise Alexander (Vice-Principal at BX Elementary)

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