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### RE: Principalship of Manachaban Middle announced

Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Superintendent of Schools Greg Bass is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas Elbel as Principal of Manachaban Middle School in Cochrane, effective August 26, 2010.



“Thomas will be a wonderful addition to the Manachaban school community,” said Bass. “He has proven that he possesses strong leadership skills and the ability to build positive and lasting relationships with staff, students, and parents at both the school and jurisdictional levels.”

Elbel moves into the role of principal from an Assistant Principal position at George MacDougall High School. Prior to his arrival at the school in 2006, Elbel served as a divisional facilitator supporting second language programs in RVS for three years, taught French Immersion at Cochrane High School for five years, and taught Late French Immersion at a middle school level in Toronto for six years. Elbel takes over the principalship of Manachaban from Mike Summersgill, who will retire in June.

Elbel holds a Masters of Education from the University of Lethbridge, a Bachelor of Education from the University of Calgary and a Certificate École de Langue Française from the University of Western Ontario. A life-long learner, he also has completed a number of educational and leadership development courses, including Rocky View's Administrator Leadership Program.

“I know Thomas' presence will be greatly missed at George MacDougall High School and among the schools within the City of Airdrie,” said Board Chair Sylvia Eggerer. “However, I am extremely pleased that Thomas has moved into a principalship within our system and congratulate him on his new position.”

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