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RE: Acting Principalship of R.J. Hawkey Elementary announced

Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Superintendent of Schools Greg Bass is pleased to announce the appointment of Simon Pols as Acting Principal of R.J.Hawkey Elementary in Airdrie, effective August 15, 2011.



“As the lead of Langdon’s One-to-One project, Simon has proven that he possesses strong 21st Century leadership skills and knows how to promote authentic learning experiences for students,” said Bass. “This, coupled with the fact that he has the ability to build positive and lasting relationships with staff, students, parents and other members of the school community, makes him the perfect fit for R.J. Hawkey.”

Pols joined RVS in 2000 as a teacher at Mitford Middle School. In 2004, he transferred to Langdon School, which serves students from Kindergarten to Grade 9. In 2007, Pols moved into the Assistant Principal position at Langdon to spearhead the implementation of a One-to-One pilot project for the jurisdiction that saw teachers recreate their current instructional practices and student

engage in learning through the use of emerging technologies and digital resources.

Pols holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of Lethbridge and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Calgary. Pols has completed numerous leadership training programs including Rocky View Schools’ Administrative Leadership Program.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend my congratulations to Simon,” said Board Chair Dr. Bruce Pettigrew. “I look forward to his leadership as a principal in our jurisdiction.”

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