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RE: Principalsip of Springbank Middle announced

Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Superintendent of Schools Greg Bass is pleased to announce the appointment of Dan Hoch to the position of Principal of the Springbank Middle School, effective August 15, 2011.



“Within the context of 21st C teaching and learning, Dan’s leadership capabilities will ensure students at Springbank Middle School will excel,” said Superintendent of Schools Greg Bass. “As one of the pioneers of R.J. Hawkey’s LENS Program, Dan knows how to shape programming to meet the individual needs of students. I congratulate him on this new assignment and look forward to his continued leadership.”

Currently the principal of R.J. Hawkey Elementary in Airdrie, Hoch has served as an Assistant Principal or Principal at Andrew Sibbald, Glenbow Elementary, A.E. Bowers and R.J. Hawkey since 1986. Prior to his arrival in RVS, Hoch worked as a teacher and Vice Principal for the Fort Vermillion School Division.

During his tenure with Rocky View Schools, Hoch has built a reputation for being an innovative leader, receiving numerous local, municipal and national awards for new programs related to environmental protection, social responsibility, and civic stewardship. In 2010, Hoch also spearheaded the creation of the LENS Program at R.J. Hawkey, which groups children and staff according to the interests.

A life-long learner, Hoch possesses multiple degrees, including a Bachelor of Physical Education and Teacher Certification from the University of Manitoba, a Masters Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Manitoba, as well as a Bachelor of Arts from Providence College and an Early Childhood School Certification from Alberta Learning.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend my congratulations to Dan and look forward to his continued leadership at Springbank Middle School,” said Board Chair Dr. Bruce Pettigrew. “I know the school will thrive under Dan’s leadership.”

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