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RE: Director of Schools Announced



Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Superintendent of Schools Greg Bass is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. John Burger to the role of Director of Schools, effective August 16, 2010.

Burger arrives in Rocky View from Alberta Education where he served as a Senior Education Manager in the areas of system improvement and operational standards for the past decade.

"Rocky View Schools is very lucky to have attracted an exemplary leader such as John," said Bass. "Outside of having extensive experience in quantitative and qualitative research methods, John has a reputation for being a theoretical thinker with a penchant for developing creative, proactive solutions to complex issues. I am

very excited to welcome him to our leadership team; I know our schools will thrive under his stead."

In his current role as Education Manger, Operational Standards Branch, Burger is responsible for supporting the Branch by providing policy, planning, research, and evaluation support for key projects and initiatives. With the exception of a one-year stint with Aspen View Regional School as an Associate Superintendent in 1998, Burger has worked for the Department of Education since 1988. Key accomplishments include leading studies on Removing Barriers to High School Completion, Grade Level of Achievement Reporting, summary reports on school jurisdiction accountability, and value-added school reviews. Over the past couple of years, Burger also has served as a committee member on the College of Alberta School Superintendents' Moving and Improving Leadership Development Initiative and the Setting the Direction Internal Advisory Committee.

An accomplished author, Burger has written or co-authored several educational works including "Internal and External Accountability: Building Evidence-Informed Leadership Capacity at all System Levels", "Grade Level of Achievement Data: What it means for school based-decision makers?", and "Improving High School Completion: Using School-Based Accountability Data to Inform Educational Research and Policies." His professional contributions also include acting as an Adjunct Associate Professor for the University of Alberta's Faculty of Education and for the University of Calgary's Graduate Division of Education Research.

Burger holds a Doctorate and Masters in Educational Administration from the University of Alberta, as well as a Bachelor in History and a Bachelor of Education from Ohio State University.

"We are thrilled to welcome John to Rocky View Schools," said RVS' Board Chair Sylvia Eggerer "We look forward to the expertise he will bring to our leadership team."

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