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RE: Kiernan appointed to the position of a Learning Principal

Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Superintendent of Schools Greg Bass is pleased to announce the appointment of Todd Kiernan to a new "Learning Principalship", effective August 26, 2010.



"Our staffs' embrace of 21st Century teaching and learning has necessitated the assignment of a new Principal of Learning to provide leadership in the area of blended learning," said Bass. "Given that Todd has managed and grown this delivery method from its infancy, he was the natural candidate to fill this role; I am excited to see him excel in this position."

As the new Learning Principal, Kiernan will be responsible for leading the introduction and implementation of blended learning in classrooms across the jurisdiction. This assignment also will demand that he take a leadership role in training staff in synchronous and asynchronous instruction and in helping to build curriculum to support a blended learning environment. Kiernan will work closely with the new Principal of Rocky View Learning Connections, Craig Schewsinger, and the Connections staff in effectively rolling out new learning tools and environments.

Currently the principal of Rocky View Learning Connections, Kiernan has worked with the Learning Connections and the jurisdiction since 2000. Before arriving in Rocky View, Kiernan worked for the Grasslands Regional School Division as a Teacher at Duchess School and later as the Coordinator of the Sunrise Virtual Education Program.

Kiernan holds a Masters of Arts in Leadership and Administration from the San Diego State University, and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Edmonton. Over the past year, Kiernan has made several presentations to RVS Trustees, administrators, teachers and school councils on the benefits of blended learning and the endless program opportunities it will offer both students and staff.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I congratulate Todd on his new role," said Board Chair Sylvia Eggerer. "Under his expertise, we are confident both students and teachers will thrive in this new learning environment."

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