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RE: Poole appointed Principal of Cochrane High School

Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Superintendent of Schools Greg Bass is pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Poole as Principal of Cochrane High, effective August 26, 2010.



"I am very excited to have Susan join the administration at Cochrane High. As Principal of Bow Valley High for the past three years, Susan has demonstrated all of the core competencies of a great 21st C leader and has proven she understands the complexities of high school programming," he said. "She will fit in well with the Cochrane High school community; I look forward to seeing her excel in her new role."

Having joined the jurisdiction in 2007, Poole arrived in Rocky View Schools from the Calgary Board of Education, where she served as an Assistant Principal at William Aberhart High School. Her journey with the urban board saw her serve as a teacher or Curriculum Leader at Ernest Morrow Jr. High, James Fowler, and Crescent Heights. In 2002 she was appointed to an Assistant Principal position at Lord Shaughnessy, moving to Centennial High in 2004 and William Aberhart in 2006.

During her time with Bow Valley High, Susan has created greater opportunities and choice in programming for students by playing an active role in the Cochrane Steering Committee, as well as welcoming Alberta Education to the school to conduct a Value Added School Review. Programming brought to the school under her tenure includes Mechanics and Construction and Career Module Learning, which allow students to access complementary programs via WeConnect and Distributive Learning.

Career development has been a major focus in Poole's academic studies. In 2003 she earned a Masters of Education – Leadership and A Framework for the Development and Implementation of Career Centres in Senior High Schools at the University of Lethbridge. She also holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta.

"Susan is a tremendous asset to our jurisdiction," said Board Chair Sylvia Eggerer. "On behalf of the Board, I extend my congratulations and look forward to her continued leadership."

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