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### RE: Long Serving Associate Superintendent of Business & Finance to Retire

It is with mixed emotion that Rocky View Schools (RVS) announces the retirement of its Associate Superintendent Business and Operations Darrell Couture, effective February 16, 2018.



“Darrell’s contribution to RVS is unmeasurable,” said Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach. “His fingerprints will remain a permanent part of RVS’ legacy; I cannot overstate the positive impact he has made on our division, the staff, and our students.”

Couture has maintained an exemplary track record as an innovative business leader who has always kept students at the center of all decisions in RVS. He was hired in 1988 by Superintendent Harold Parr to serve as Secretary-Treasurer for the jurisdiction, which at that time was 8,800 students and 25 schools strong. Over a 29-year period he has worked alongside 10 superintendents and 10 elected boards, guiding them in all facets of business operations from financial management to student transportation.

During his tenure with RVS, Couture also has been instrumental in improving teaching and learning through his leadership role in providing innovative facility design, in contractually solidifying hundreds of educational partnerships, and in successfully negotiating land acquisitions, sales and development to accommodate RVS’ ever growing student population.

“It doesn’t matter in which corner of the jurisdiction you look – collaborative learning spaces, Building Futures, flex benefit plans, green cleaning products, GPS on buses, the list goes on – Darrell has had a hand in it. Furthermore, his shrewd business sense has guaranteed that many of RVS’ business processes are not only innovative, but leading edge,” added Luterbach.

Couture said he has thoroughly enjoyed his 29 years with the jurisdiction, stating that the complexity of the job and the variety within the position made for an exciting and rewarding career. He thanks all the current and former trustees and superintendents for the opportunity provided to him to serve RVS students and parents.

“We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to Darrell for everything he has done for Rocky View Schools,” said Board Chair Colleen Munro. “He has shown an untiring dedication to our students and we are a stronger school jurisdiction because of it. On behalf of the Board, I offer him our congratulations on his retirement.”

Rocky View Schools will initiate the recruitment process for a new Associate Superintendent Business and Operations over the summer.

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