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RE: RVS welcomes new members to its leadership team

Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach is pleased to announce the appointment of Ragan Johnson as Director of Human Resources and Sherri Black as Director of Learning Supports, effective August 1, 2018.

Ragan Johnson, Director of Human Resources



Currently the Principal of East Lake School, Ragan Johnson will join RVS' Human Resources Department as Director of Human Resources this fall.

"Ragan brings over 20 years of experience in the field of education, 14 years of which are in administration at both the school and district level," said Luterbach. "Her strong interpersonal skills, ability to build positive, trusting relationships, and experience in recruiting talented staff for a rapidly growing school makes her the ideal candidate for the role of Director of Human Resources. I congratulate Ragan on her new assignment and look forward to working more closely with her next year."

Johnson arrived in Rocky View in 2010 from Dr. Brosseau Middle School in Bonnyville, where she served as principal since 2007. Johnson will bring to the role not only experience as a principal and assistant principal, but as a special education, elementary and middle school teacher, a guidance counsellor, and a faculty advisor with the University of Regina. From 2003-2010 she also served as an assessment specialist and advisor with the Alberta Assessment Consortium.

Johnson holds a Master of Education majoring in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Regina, and two Bachelor degrees – one in Education, the other in Science – from the University of Victoria. She also has completed course work toward a Doctorate of Education from the University of Calgary. A life-long learner at heart, Johnson continues to pursue a variety of professional learning opportunities related to leadership, mentorship, teacher training and evaluation, and technology.

Sherri Black, Director of Learning Supports



Arriving in Rocky View Schools from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Sherri Black will head up the jurisdiction's inclusion services as Director of Learning Supports, beginning August 2018.

"Sherri has served as an educator, educational leader and strong advocate for children and youth in the River East Transcona School Division in Manitoba for the past 18 years," said Luterbach. "Her experience at the district and provincial level as a champion for the inclusive rights of students in the medical field, education system, and the child welfare and youth

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justice systems in Manitoba will serve our jurisdiction well. I extend my congratulations to Sherri on her new assignment.”

Currently a Vice Principal for Springfield Heights Elementary School, since 2001 Black has served as a classroom teacher, resource teacher, divisional behavior intensive support team member, inclusion specialist, and a positive behaviour intervention and support teacher for River East Transcona School Division. She also is an active member on a provincial inclusion committee that introduced a new funding model for inclusion across Manitoba and serves as a sessional instructor at the University of Manitoba teaching courses on Inclusion, Educational Leadership and Universal Design.

Black holds a Master of Education majoring in Inclusive Education from the University of Manitoba, and two Bachelor degrees – one in Education (with Distinction), the other in Psychology – also from the University of Manitoba. In addition, Black has earned a number of professional certificates in special education, cognitive behavioural therapy, threat assessment, and group facilitation. In 2011, Black won the Manitoba Access Award for Leader in Inclusive Education.

“On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I extend our congratulations to Ragan and Sherri on their new appointments,” said Todd Brand, Board Chair. “With the exponential student growth in our jurisdiction, both Directors will play an important role in ensuring we continue to provide our students with optimal school environments that meet the needs of today’s learners.”

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