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RE: W.G. Murdoch Principalship Announced

Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach is pleased to announce the appointment of Derek Keenan as principal of W.G. Murdoch School, effective August 2019.



“A highly respected administrator in our jurisdiction, Derek is known for his collaborative approach to leadership and commitment to developing staff efficacy across RVS,” said Luterbach. “Over the years, Derek has helped create a culture that empowers teachers to continually examine their practice, take risks and be more innovative. I look forward to seeing him build on the strengths of W.G. Murdoch and help the school continue to thrive.”

Keenan has served the needs of students as an educator and assistant principal in the jurisdiction for the past 14 years. After teaching at the elementary and high school level for 10 years, Keenan was appointed assistant principal of Beiseker Community School and RVS' colony schools.

In this role, he successfully cultivated strong and lasting relationships with parents and students and facilitated professional growth opportunities for staff to create inclusive learning environments.

Keenan holds a Master of Education in Professional Learning from the University of Lethbridge, a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Calgary. Passionate about the practice of professional learning, Keenan has supported several jurisdictionally-led working committees and remains committed to further enhancing his own skills in educational leadership through various research-based learning opportunities.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend my congratulations to Derek on his assignment as principal of W.G. Murdoch,” said Board Chair Todd Brand. “I am confident he will serve the needs of students and the school community well. We look forward to watching him succeed in his new role.”

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