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RE: Area Director of Schools Announced

Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach is pleased to announce the appointment of John Murphy as Area Director of Schools, effective August 2019.



“John brings 31 years of educational experience to this role, including 24 years as a school administrator at all grade levels,” said Luterbach. “He is a multi-dimensional leader who excels at building positive school cultures that stimulate academic excellence. The knowledge and support he will be able to offer administrators will be tremendous.”

Murphy’s tenure in RVS dates back to 2002, when he joined the jurisdiction as principal of Crossfield Elementary. He served in this role for four years, before moving on to open Nose Creek Elementary, where he is currently serving as principal. Prior to his arrival in the jurisdiction, Murphy gained extensive experience working with First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities in both teaching and administrative roles in Nunavut and Yellowknife.

Murphy has a proven track record in leading and transforming educational communities experiencing rapid growth. Having successfully opened three new schools over the span of his career, he has a reputation for building synergy and high morale with staff, fostering strong relationships with families and supporting students in attaining positive academic results. A long-time champion of literacy, inclusive education and technology, Murphy has led his teams in creating environments that support all learners in fulfilling their potential. Additional accomplishments over the years include coordinating more than \$1 million in school fundraising initiatives, implementing and facilitating administrative induction programs and leading countless advisory committees.

In addition to his practical expertise, Murphy brings a wealth of research-based knowledge to the role of Area Director. He holds a Master of Education with a specialization in Leadership from the University of Calgary, as well as a Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Arts from Memorial University of Newfoundland. Murphy’s belief that education should be a lifetime pursuit also drives his commitment to engaging in ongoing professional learning that can position him to better support his teams in addressing students’ needs more holistically.

“On behalf of the Trustees, I congratulate John on his appointment to Area Director,” said Board Chair Todd Brand. “I am confident that he will continue to serve the jurisdiction well in his new role.”

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