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RE: Leadership Announcements

Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach is pleased to announce the following leadership appointments, effective August 2019.



Ed Polhill, Director of Learning Services

A well-respected leader known for his ability to develop strong foundational relationships, Ed Polhill will join RVS' Learning Department this summer as director of learning services.

"Ed stood out for this directorship because of his demonstrable leadership qualities, commitment to building staff efficacy and ability to bring about wide-scale change," explained Luterbach. "His transition comes at an opportune time, given RVS is preparing to launch year one of its new Four Year Plan. I am confident that Ed will ensure that the good work already underway continues and that RVS moves forward with its implementation of a comprehensive professional learning plan that supports the learning needs of all staff."

Currently the principal of Cochrane High School, Polhill's tenure with RVS dates back to 2001, when he joined Bow Valley High as a teacher. Polhill went on to serve as the school's outdoor education coordinator and athletic director before being appointed assistant principal of Springbank Community High School in 2009. Three years later, Polhill accepted his first principalship at George McDougall High School and in 2015, was appointed principal of Cochrane High. Prior to joining RVS, Polhill taught at the middle and high school level for Edmonton Public Schools and Black Gold Regional Division No. 18.

Polhill's transformational leadership style in previous administrative roles has left a positive mark on both staff and students. Springbank Community High School became the first public school in Alberta to implement ubiquitous computing, after Polhill co-developed the One-to-One project. George McDougall High School was awarded the Ken Spencer Award for Building Futures, an alternative program that Polhill helped spearhead in his role as administrative lead. A member of the jurisdiction's Superintendent Action Team, Polhill also has served on several other committees in his time with RVS, covering topics such as professional learning, high school redesign, curriculum and technology. He also led the development and implementation of professional learning initiatives for all of RVS' outdoor educators.

Polhill holds a Master of Education with a specialization in Educational Leadership from Bishop's University, as well as a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Physical Education, both from the University of Alberta.

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Anne Kromm, Principal, Cochrane High

Anne Kromm will move out of her role as principal of Manachaban Middle School to become the principal of Cochrane High School. She brings 27 years experience to the role, having served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal for RVS, as well as a teacher for the Fort Vermillion School Division, the Willow Creek School Division and the Calgary Board of Education. Kromm arrived in the jurisdiction in 2011 and joined the ranks of RVS administrators in 2013 as assistant principal of Cochrane High School. She also served as assistant principal of W.H. Croxford High School in Airdrie before moving into her first principalship at Manachaban in 2017.

A member of the Superintendent Design Team on Instructional Design, Kromm has earned a reputation for building school cultures where parents, community and staff work together to ensure students achieve their potential. Committed to fostering evidenced-based practices and the use of data to drive performance, Kromm also is known for developing inclusive learning environments that embrace diversity through exploring different perspectives and ideas to create an understanding of people, ways of knowing and ways of being.

Kromm holds a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Lethbridge, a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and a Bachelor of Physical Education from the University of Calgary.



Mary Magee, Acting Principal, Manachaban School

Currently the assistant principal of Mitford School, Mary Magee will move into the role of acting principal of Manachaban Middle School, a dual-track French Immersion school in Cochrane. A veteran of RVS, Magee has worked as a teacher and assistant principal in the jurisdiction since 1999, serving the school communities of Mitford, Springbank Middle and Banded Peak. In 2017, Magee moved from an assistant principal role at Banded Peak School to Mitford, where she has demonstrated a passion for building leadership capacity in staff and improving students' overall well-being.

In her time with RVS, Magee has championed physical literacy, as well as literacy and numeracy, emergent technology and alternative programming that takes learning outside the classroom and promotes environmental stewardship. She also has dedicated significant time beyond the school day coaching athletics, mentoring student teachers and coordinating enrichment activities. A proponent of lifelong learning, Magee continuously builds her own capacity through various professional learning endeavours and sits on RVS' Superintendent Design Team on Professional Learning.

Magee holds a Master of Arts in Leadership and Administration from Gonzaga University, a Bachelor of Education from the University of Calgary and a Geological Certificate from SAIT.

“On behalf of RVS I extend my congratulations to these leaders on their placements,” said Luterbach. “I look forward to watching them thrive in their new roles in the fall.”

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