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RE: Springbank High Principalship Announced

Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach is pleased to announce the appointment of Darrell Lonsberry to the principalship of Springbank Community High School, effective August 2020.



“Darrell’s transition from principal of Springbank Middle School to the high school is a natural one, given the strong reputation and relationships he has established within the community over the last four years,” said Luterbach. “Darrell’s collaborative leadership style, as well as his successes in fostering a school culture that values authentic learning opportunities as a way of improving student self-efficacy, will be well received at the high school level.”

Lonsberry came to RVS in 2016 from Connect Charter School (formerly the Calgary Science School), where he held administrative positions for 13 years. Prior to this, Lonsberry spent more than a decade teaching at the elementary, middle and high school level for boards around the province.

In his four-year tenure with RVS, Lonsberry has helped to create a shared vision for Springbank Middle centered around three priorities: staff and student engagement; relationships and school culture; and places and spaces that support learning. In support of these priorities, Lonsberry led the implementation of a school-wide literacy initiative, restructured the school’s learning support model, enhanced the transition process for incoming students and created opportunities for teachers to build their capacity and incorporate research-based practices into their pedagogy. Lonsberry also prioritized the needs of parents, moving the school from monthly to weekly communications, extending additional supports to the school council and supporting the redesign of the front office space in response to parent feedback. Committed to creating adaptive, high-impact learning spaces that accommodate the academic, physical and mental needs of all students, Lonsberry championed the redesign of the school’s learning commons and the installation of a new outdoor classroom.

A member of RVS’ Procedural Advisory Committee, Lonsberry joined the jurisdiction’s Superintendent Action Team in 2019. Lonsberry holds a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Calgary, as well as a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta.

“On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I congratulate Darrell on his new assignment,” said Fiona Gilbert, Board Chair. “I am confident he will continue to serve the needs of the Springbank community well.”

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