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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 2020.



Wendy Ruzicka, Principal, Kathryn School

Northcott Prairie School's assistant principal Wendy Ruzicka will take the helm of Kathryn School – her first principalship in RVS. Almost coming full circle, Ruzicka's tenure with the jurisdiction dates back to 2002, when she arrived in RVS from British Columbia as a learning support teacher for Kathryn School. A year later, Ruzicka went on to serve as a learning support teacher at Cochrane High until 2012, when she was promoted to assistant principal of Chestermere High. Following a stint as Bert Church's assistant principal beginning in 2016, Ruzicka joined a team of administrators charged with opening Northcott Prairie School in August 2019.

Passionate about creating accessible learning environments that ensure all students are equally valued and have their diverse needs met, Ruzicka helped champion the implementation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support framework, the Collaborative Response Model and the Response to Intervention Model in Northcott Prairie School. Prior to this, Ruzicka drew upon her years of experience as a learning supports teacher to help design Chestermere High's new sensory room and to introduce professional learning initiatives aimed at promoting individualized instruction. Known for her collaborative leadership style, Ruzicka has worked tirelessly with multiple stakeholder groups to build capacity around accommodation and modification strategies for students.

Ruzicka holds a Human Resource Management Certificate and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Calgary, as well as a Bachelor of Education from the University of Victoria.



Mary Magee, Acting Principal, Springbank Middle School

Currently the acting principal of Manachaban School, Mary Magee will move into the role of acting principal of Springbank Middle School, a dual-track French Immersion school she previously taught at for over 10 years. A veteran of RVS, Magee has worked as a teacher, assistant principal and acting 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 demonstrated a passion for building leadership capacity in staff and improving students' overall well-being. In 2019, Magee accepted the acting principal role of Manachaban Middle School.

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.

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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 the Board of Trustees, I extend our congratulations to Wendy and Mary on their new assignments,” said Fiona Gilbert, Board Chair. “We look forward to their continued contributions within our jurisdiction.”

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