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*** District Update ***

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**School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen)
2023-2024 Vice-Principal and Principal Changes**

The Board of Education of the Nicola-Similkameen School District is pleased to announce the following Vice-Principal and Principal changes for the 2023-2024 school year.

In the south end of the District, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Larsen will be supporting both John Allison Elementary and Vermilion Forks Elementary as a Vice-Principal. Mrs. Larsen looks forward to bringing a wide range of classroom and vice-principal experience to her new role and is eager to get to know both school communities. Mrs. Larsen has served as vice-principal for the past seven years and has over twenty-five years of teaching experience. She has been a compassionate leader working alongside teachers to create a positive learning environment for students to reach their full potential.

We would also like to congratulate Ms. Batts, who will be filling the vacancy left by Mrs. Larsen at PSS. Ms. Batts has experience at both the elementary and secondary school levels and brings a wealth of knowledge from both her classroom and her student support service work. Ms. Batts believes that strong leadership means working collaboratively with the community, specialists, and all stakeholders. Both Mrs. Larsen and Ms. Batts strive to be an active part of reconciliation and look forward to continuing to work in the best interests of all students, staff, and the community.

Changes in the north end of the District include new roles for both Mr. Cavaliere and Mr. Aubin. Both are moving into new teaching roles at Merritt Secondary School and Diamond Vale Elementary School, respectively. The District would like to once again thank them for the support they provided students, staff, and families and we wish them all the best in their new positions.

Mr. Mattoo will be joining Merritt Secondary School as Vice-Principal. Mr. Mattoo is joining the district from his most recent Principal role in Tumbler Ridge. Mr. Mattoo has both Principal and Vice-Principal experience at both the elementary and secondary school levels. His administrative and teaching backgrounds are multi-faceted and student focused. He is particularly proud of the work that he has done to improve school culture and create inclusive environments where students can thrive.

Ms. Parker will be joining Collettville Elementary School as Principal. Ms. Parker joins the District from the Chilliwack School District. Ms. Parker's career path has included teaching at the elementary level, counselling at the middle/secondary level, and most recently, working as a vice-principal at the elementary and district level. Ms. Parker's teaching, counselling, and students support service background provide an outstanding foundation for the focus she places on well-being and student success.

We are also pleased to announce that Mr. Sambrook will be supporting Merritt Central Elementary School as Vice-Principal. Mr. Sambrook will remain teaching at Merritt Secondary School; however, in his new role as Vice-Principal, he will be working with Merritt Central Elementary School as well. Mr. Sambrook brings ten years of teaching experience to his new role. He looks forward to fostering student engagement by supporting educational practices that are student-driven, holistic in nature, and consistent with the needs, readiness, and interests of all learners.

The District would like to welcome everyone into their new roles and looks forward to working with them towards the shared vision of “Success for ALL Learners ~ Today and Tomorrow.” Superintendent McNiven extends his sincere appreciation to those involved with the recruitment process and is looking forward to working with everyone in their new roles.

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