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School District No. 27 is announcing the following administrative changes effective August 1, 2022.

Vice- Principal – Cataline Elementary: Ms. Tess Riley

Ms. Riley joined SD27 in 2017 where she was able to experience a variety of schools in temporary positions, including Big Lake and Mountview Elementary. In 2020, Ms. Riley joined the Columneetza team in the grade 7 wing, where she has broadened her informal leadership capacity by serving as the department head. During this time, Ms. Riley has also been a lead participant as part of the Learning Series. Ms. Riley has also been a part of the SD27 Leadership Series where she has been able to engage in significant conversations with regards to educational leadership and change. We look forward to Ms. Riley joining Ms. Davis and the team at Cataline.

Principal – Horse Lake Elementary: Mr. Murray Helmer

Mr. Helmer has enjoyed an extensive career in SD27. While he is officially retiring from his current teaching position at the end of June, Mr. Helmer has agreed to be appointed into the role of Principal of Horse Lake Elementary in order to support SD27's plan to build administrative capacity in 100 Mile and the surrounding areas.

Mr. Helmer joined SD27 in 1982, working primarily at Mile 108 Elementary. He has also served multiple times as the Cariboo Chilcotin Teacher's Association (CCTA) President, including his most recent, current, term.

Mr. Helmer has a deep connection to the communities and is committed to the continued service to students in SD27. Mr. Helmer also has a unique view into the complex world of administration through his years as CCTA President, and he has a profound sense service in the work that happens in schools and the ultimate goal of improving life chances for students. He is focused on solutions that are based on ethical core values. During the past 3 years, Mr. Helmer has been involved in promoting learning sessions that enhance teaching and learning, while working with the District to establish mentorship services, amplify professionalism and improve recruitment.

Please join me in congratulating Tess and Murray their new roles!

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