

**May 23, 2023**

For Immediate release:

**SD27- Cariboo-Chilcotin announces the following administrative appointments effective August 1, 2023**

**District Vice-Principal, Career Education:** As part of District succession planning, **Mr. Kelvin Parent** will be supporting District Principal, Dave Corbett in maintaining and expanding Careers, Trades, ADST and the emerging opportunities that now exist for students. Mr. Parent is a long-time educator in SD27 with experience as an administrator from 1999-2013. Most recently, he had returned to administration in 2021 as Principal of Horsefly Elementary-Junior Secondary.

**Dog Creek Elementary-Junior Secondary:** **Ms. Dancing Water Sandy** has been appointed to embark on the exciting opportunity of **Principal** of Dog Creek Elementary Junior Secondary School. Dancing Water has diligently dedicated the last five years to the role of Language and Curriculum Development Teacher for SD27. She brings invaluable lived experience as a member of the T'exelmc, the most northern community of the Secwepemc First Nations. Her strong stated commitment to teaching and leading through indigenous ways of knowing and doing is an incredible asset to Dog Creek School. Moreover, she has experience in the challenges and opportunities that exist in a rural learning environment. Dancing Water also brings a strong voice and unique perspective to the SD27 leadership team.

**Lac La Hache Elementary:** **Mr. Mark Lewis** will be moving to **Principal** of Lac La Hache following his year at Alexis Creek Elementary- Junior Secondary. Mr. Lewis and his family reside in Lac La Hache following an extensive leadership career overseas. He will be replacing Mr. Shawn Nelson who is retiring following a long administrative and teaching career in SD27. In his new role at Lac La Hache, Mr. Lewis will also oversee the elementary portion of the SD 27 distributed learning program, GROW. This will now be run out of Lac La Hache to offer parents greater access from across the District.

**Alexis Creek Elementary-Junior Secondary:** **Ms. Helen Wight** will be assuming the role of **Principal**. Ms. Wight has taught at Alexis Creek for the past 5 years following an administrative career in Gold Trail. Ms. Wight has formed outstanding relationships with staff and students and is committed to the surrounding communities. She also has a strong belief in the opportunities that exist in a small school with multi-grade classes.

**Horsefly Elementary-Junior Secondary:** **Mr. Calvin Williams** will be taking over as **Principal** at Horsefly following Mr. Parent's move into District Office. Mr. Williams has had an extensive range of administrative experience in the district. Most recently, he has been principal of Skyline Alternate program, following roles as Principal of Nesika Elementary

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and Cataline Elementary. Mr. Williams has a unique ability to engage kids outside or with hands on opportunities and will carry on the work of Mr. Parent.

**Mile 108 Elementary:** Ms. Maria Telford will be taking over as **Principal** from Mr. Doolan who came out of retirement to help us transition this past year. Ms. Telford has been principal of 100 Mile Elementary for the past 6 years. Prior to that, she had been principal of Horse Lake Elementary. Ms. Telford is an educational leader committed to kids and community and has worked tirelessly to support initiatives of teaching and learning forward in her school and the district.

**100 Mile Elementary:** Ms. Crystal Dawn Langton will be **Principal** of 100 Mile Elementary, following Ms. Telford's move to Mile 108. Ms. Langton has spent the past year as VP at Horse Lake Elementary. She also stepped in as Principal at Mile 108 in the fall for 1 month to help with transitions there. Prior to administration, Ms. Langton had been a teacher and counsellor at PSO. She has also been keenly involved in supporting teaching and learning initiatives in SD27, as well as engaging in various leadership opportunities to support her growth.

**Human Resources Manager:** Ms. Jennifer Loewen will be moving into the role of Manager from her previous role as Officer. Ms. Loewen has been with SD27 for 18 years starting initially in central dispatch, then progressing to a HR secretary/assistant role and then on to the HR Officer for the past 9 years. Most recently, Ms. Loewen has been an integral part of the modernization efforts in HR and payroll systems. Through Ms. Loewen's work, we have been able to undergo a massive renewal of systems across all employee groups. Moreover, Jennifer has led this work while also working tirelessly on the recruitment and staffing front. Ms. Loewen's work with the team has been critical in mitigating some of the impacts of province wide workforce shortage. We Look forward to Jennifer's continued leadership in this role.

Please join me in congratulating these members of the SD27 Team on their new roles!

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