



## **MEDIA RELEASE: July 18, 2022**

School District No. 27 is announcing the following administrative changes effective July and August 2022.

### **Principal – Naghtaneqed Elementary Junior Secondary: Ms. Seana Burke**

Ms. Burke comes to SD#27 following her work as a teacher in Nisga'a School District and prior to that, 8 years as a teacher on Haida Gwaii. Ms. Burke has a unique understanding of small communities and a deep appreciation for Indigenous culture. She believes in increasing engagement through the outdoors, arts and activity and is looking forward to teaching, learning and leading with the Xenigwet'in First Nation.

### **Principal – Alexis Creek Elementary Junior Secondary: Mr. Mark Lewis**

Mr. Lewis is happy to return to SD#27, having started his career at Horse Lake before moving on to Tatla Lake. After extensive travels and experience (including overseas) Mr. Lewis, who is from Williams Lake is looking forward to returning to the Cariboo with his family. Mr. Lewis is familiar with the SD#27 Learning Series, having worked closely with some of the same experts SD#27 is engaged with. He has a depth of experience in diverse and complex schools and has demonstrated successful leadership attributes that will be beneficial to Alexis Creek and SD#27.

### **Vice-Principal – Horse Lake Elementary: Ms. Crystal Dawn Langton**

Ms. Langton joined SD#27 in 2007 as an elementary teacher at Lac La Hache before moving to Chilcotin Road Elementary. She then moved to Peter Skene Ogden as a classroom teacher from 2009-2014. Most recently, she has been the elementary counsellor for the south end of the District. Ms. Langton has been engaged in the District Learning Series and is committed to improving her practice and the practice of others. She has also participated in the District Leadership series, where she has become more connected to the scope of the District's work, vision and purpose.

### **Manager of Finance – Mr. Paul Wallin (CPA, CGA, RPF)**

Mr. Wallin joins SD#27 after 17 years with West Fraser Mills. Mr. Wallin's duties at West Fraser included financial reporting, budgeting, accounts payable, purchasing, payroll, asset management and internal controls/audits. As Division controller, Mr. Wallin was responsible for leading his finance team. Mr. Wallin's experience and leadership will be a significant asset to SD#27 as we finalize our financial systems modernization project.

### **Manager of Communications and Careers – Ms. Nikki Berreth**

Ms. Berreth joins SD#27 following work as an Education Programmer with the Surrey Nature Centre as well as an Instructor at BCIT. She has held a number of communications roles in non-profit organizations including Director of Communications for Interpretation

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Canada and, most recently the BC Museum Association. Ms. Berreth brings a strong skill set with regard to web design, branding and social media presence. She is experienced in enhancing engagement strategies and committed to SD#27's ongoing action toward Truth and Reconciliation.

Please join me in congratulating Seana, Mark, Paul, and Nikki on their new roles!

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