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School District No. 27 is announcing the following administrative changes and promotions:

Mr. Marcus Loewen will be assuming the role of **Manager of Operations**. Marc joined the District in 2003 as a Plumbing and Heating tradesman and has spent the past 9 years as the department lead hand. Marc has led multiple facility improvisation projects over the years, both with the District and in private industry and has over 30 years of trades experience. Marc has demonstrated leadership and an ongoing commitment to improve our facilities. Marc's understanding and familiarity with SD27 sites will be essential as we continue the task of upgrading facilities.

Mr. Benjamin Bennison will be assuming the role of **Manager of Operations – Transportation**. Ben joined the management team November 2021 in the role of Assistant Manager of Facilities and Transportation after having spent 12 years with the District as a Certified Mechanic and lead hand. His leadership in the transportation department with the implementation of Transfinder over this past year has been excellent and we are pleased to see the continuing improvement and modernization of our operations.

Mr. Patrick McCarron will be assuming the role of **Director of Operations**. Patrick joined the District in March 2021 as the Manager of Facilities and Transportation and since then has continued to align the Operations departments goals and outcomes to the strategic planning of the Board and the Senior Leadership team. Mr. McCarron has been instrumental in re-envisioning the district approach to maintenance, facilities, and operations with a focus on equity and service to students. He has also been the key driver in our efforts to create the Daycare project at Columneetza as well as other significant capital projects we continue to advocate for. His leadership in this area has been significant in a short amount of time and we are fortunate to have added Patrick to our organization.

Please join me in congratulating Marcus, Ben, and Patrick in their new roles!

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