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**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51
APPOINTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education is pleased to announce that they have appointed Allen Davidson as Superintendent of Schools, effective August 1, 2026.

Following an extensive search process, the Board selected Allen for his proven record of compassionate, collaborative, and student-centered leadership. With a career spanning K–12 teaching, instructional coaching, school administration, and senior district leadership, Allen brings a depth of experience in both urban and rural educational settings.

Allen is a leader grounded in care, collaboration and consistency. He builds trusting relationships through open communication and a steadfast commitment to follow-through. Allen prioritizes student success and staff wellbeing, focusing on creating safe, caring and inclusive learning environments.



Allen is the current Assistant Superintendent of Employee Services in the Foothills School Division and holds both a Bachelor of Arts (History & Geography) and a PDPP Education from the University of Victoria along with a Master of Education (Educational Technology), from the University of British Columbia.

Allen and his wife Jennifer, a pediatric occupational therapist, have three children: Noah (23), Ben (21), and Charlie (19).

Allen noted that in accepting this appointment “I am deeply honoured to return to British Columbia and to have the opportunity to serve the students, families, and staff of School District No. 51 (Boundary). As a graduate of British Columbia’s public education system, my commitment to student success has been shaped by formative experiences in schools in Kamloops, Port Alice and primarily Vanderhoof where exceptional teachers and support staff provided me with the competencies necessary for future success.

The vision, mission, and values of the Board of Education in SD 51 align strongly with my own teaching and leadership philosophy. I am genuinely excited to join you in this *work to ensure our students are flourishing today so they can build a confident future tomorrow*” I look forward to connecting in the coming months.

Shannon Hall, Board Chair, stated that Allen will take over the position of Superintendent on August 1st from Anna Lautard, who made the decision to retire after serving in the top position in the District since January of 2021. Chair Hall noted that hiring a Superintendent is one of the most significant responsibilities of the Board of Education. “In selecting Allen as our Superintendent, the Board of Education is confident that his commitment to students, staff, families, and community will strengthen our District and support our vision of nurturing curiosity, resilience, and joy in all learners”.

The entire Board extends its sincere appreciation to the staff, administrators and partners who provided insights into the recruitment process, including building the candidate profile and participating in candidate interviews. The contributions and the input provided was very insightful and the Board wishes to thank each participant for their time and thoughtful contributions.