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ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT:

The Board of Education of School District No. 27 is pleased to announce that Mr. Chris van der Mark is the successful candidate for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

An enthusiastic and passionate educator, Mr. van der Mark brings with him over 23 years of school/district administrative experience and joins the District from the Bulkley Valley (School District No. 54) where he has served as Superintendent of Schools for the past eight years. Prior to this, Mr. van der Mark held leadership positions as the Assistant Superintendent and as secondary school administrator.



The Board received applications from a number of strong candidates, but chose to move forward in the recruitment process with Mr. van der Mark based on his demonstrated leadership capabilities, broad understanding of the B.C. Education Plan, commitment to fiscal responsibility and good governance, and focus on improving student outcomes.

Board Chair Willow MacDonald states *“The Board of Education looks forward to working with Mr. van der Mark when he assumes his new role this spring. We have a lot of work ahead of us but trust that Mr. van der Mark’s strength in leadership, sound educational background, and demonstrated ability to build strong working relationships with staff, students, and community partners will steer the District in the right direction”*.

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