



# *News and Information*

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## **Appointment of Director of Instruction K-12**

### **Kelowna, B.C.**

The Board of Education for the Central Okanagan School District is very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Rick Oliver to the position of Director of Instruction K-12. Dr. Oliver is filling the vacancy created by the departure of former Director, Lisa McCullough, who has assumed the Superintendent's position in the Sea to Sky School District.

Dr. Oliver has experience working at all levels in the system from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in two different school districts. He has held the positions of teacher, counsellor, vice-principal and school principal at multiple schools, and is currently the District Principal in charge of the Central Okanagan's International Education Program. During his career he has also been seconded by the Ministry of Education on two different occasions to be a project director for major provincial initiatives and in 2009 he was recognized as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals.

Having recently completed his doctoral program in Educational Leadership with Simon Fraser University, Dr. Oliver is very much looking forward to the challenge of joining the senior management team. Dr. Oliver's portfolio will include providing leadership and oversight for the elementary, middle and secondary schools located on the Westside, as well as other related duties. This is particularly appropriate as Dr. Oliver and his wife Heather have lived in that part of the school district for nineteen years. They currently have three children, ages 5, 11 and 14, all attending schools in West Kelowna.

Chairperson for the Board of Education, Rolli Cacchioni, commented that "The Board is pleased to add such a highly qualified professional to our Executive team. Dr. Oliver has distinguished himself in the work that he has done to provide an array of program offerings for our students, and we look forward to his continued leadership in the Central Okanagan in the years to come."

In response to the news of his appointment, Dr. Oliver said "It will be a privilege for me to work with the communities and schools on the Westside as we strive to ensure that our students make the most of their experiences in the classroom and beyond".

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