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SIX PREMIER'S AWARD WINNERS FROM CENTRAL OKANAGAN

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Kelowna, BC – Central Okanagan Public Schools congratulates six local educators on winning the Premier's Award for Excellence in Education. The recipients spanned multiple award categories:

Extracurricular Leadership

• Amanda Liebel, Teacher, Constable Bruce Neil Middle School

Indigenous Education

• Jim Elwood, Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary

Outstanding New Teacher

- Rob Bennett, Teacher, École Kelowna Secondary
- Lauren Klassen, Teacher, Constable Bruce Neil Middle School

Outstanding Support -Teaching Assistant

- Amanda Hilverda, Certified Education Assistant, École Kelowna Senior Secondary
- Danielle Brown, Certified Education Assistant, Constable Bruce Neil Middle School

"The dedication of these recipients reflects the many exceptional educators in Central Okanagan Public Schools," said Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO. "Their commitment to making life better for our students deserves the highest praise and we are proud to see them receive this distinction."

"Student well-being is always at the heart of our work," said Lee-Ann Tiede, Chairperson for the Board of Education. "From our new teachers to our long-serving educators, these award recipients represent the many professionals in our district who go above and beyond to provide rich opportunities for all students."

For more information about the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education, please see the attached information bulletin.

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