



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

March 3, 2026

Mr. Kevin Kaardal



Kelowna, BC

Dear Kevin,

Re: Recognition as Canada's Superintendent of the Year

On behalf of the Board of Education, we wish to acknowledge and congratulate you on being named Canada's Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA). This honour reflects a significant professional achievement!

During your tenure as Superintendent of Schools/CEO of Central Okanagan Public Schools, you served the District through a 10-year period of complexity and change. This national award acknowledges the dedication, professionalism, and care you brought to your role, and your steady focus of supporting learners and strengthening public education.

The Board extends its warm congratulations on this notable achievement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valene Johnson".

Valene Johnson
Chair

cc: Board of Education