

## News and Information

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## **Appointment of Director of Instruction – K to 12**

## Kelowna, B.C.

The Board of Education for the Central Okanagan School District is very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Rhonda Ovelson to the position of Director of Instruction – K to 12. Mrs. Ovelson is filling the vacancy created by the planned retirement of Clara Sulz, the current Director, at the end of this school year. Rhonda is currently the District Principal of the Instructional Leadership Team and will officially begin her new position on July 1, 2014.

Mrs. Ovelson has worked in the Central Okanagan School District for the past 14 years, and has held teaching and administrative positions at all levels from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Prior to her current leadership position, she was also a Vice-Principal at KLO Middle School, a Principal at A.S. Matheson and George Pringle Elementary Schools, and the Co-Principal at Mount Boucherie Secondary School. In 2010, Rhonda was also selected as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals by the Learning Partnership organization.

Superintendent of Schools, Hugh Gloster, commented that "Mrs. Ovelson has been a well-respected and important member of the leadership team in the District for many years. The relationships that she has formed by working with all 42 of our schools as part of the Instructional Leadership Team, will serve her very well in her new role as Director of Instruction – K to 12."

In response to the news of her appointment, Mrs. Ovelson said, "I am honoured and excited to join the District's Senior Leadership Team as we work collaboratively with school communities to empower every learner".

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