



School District No. 85 (Vancouver Island North)
"Bringing Learning to Life"

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Board of Education of School District 85 (Vancouver Island North), we would like to make the following announcements.

Mr. Jay Dixon has accepted a position as Director of Instruction in Comox Valley (School District 71) commencing August 1, 2021. Jay started working with School District 85 in 2008. He was Principal of North Island Secondary School from August 2013 until he left for a two-year secondment with the Ministry of Education in August 2019. Our heartfelt thanks and congratulations go out to Jay. We wish Jay and his family every success for the future.

We are delighted to announce exciting changes for some of our administration team.

Ms. Stacia Johnson, the current Principal of North Island Secondary School has been appointed as the Principal of Eagle View Elementary School effective August 1, 2021. Stacia started working for School District 85 in 2004. In 2017 she was appointed as Vice Principal of NISS, and took over as Principal of NISS in August 2019. Stacia is excited to start her new role at EVES and we know she will continue to offer the community excellence in educational leadership and administration.

Ms. Jillian Walkus, the current Principal of Eagle View Elementary School has been appointed to the position of Principal of Port Hardy Secondary School effective August 1, 2021. Jillian became part of School District 85 in 1995. In 2014 Jillian took her first leadership role as Principal of EKE ME-XI School. She later became Vice Principal of EVES, and went on to become the Principal of EVES. Jillian has many years of leadership experience and is looking forward to her new role and to continue the educational journey with students past and present. Jillian brings a high level of experience and expertise in educational leadership and administration.

Ms. Rena Sweeney, the current Principal of Port Hardy Secondary School has been appointed to the position of Principal of North Island Secondary School effective August 1, 2021. Rena started work for School District 85 in 1995. She has a lot of experience as a school leader in the district, having been Principal at SES, CHES and AJES, and Vice Principal at NISS before moving to PHSS. She is very excited to return to NISS as the Principal. Rena is an excellent educational practitioner and we know there will be exciting things to come.

Mr. Ben Donoghue, was appointed as the Acting Vice Principal of North Island Secondary School on August 1, 2020. Ben has been appointed as the continuing Vice Principal for NISS effective August 1, 2021. Ben has become an integral part of the school leadership team and we are happy to welcome him in his continuing capacity.

Any questions may be directed to the School Board Office at 250-949-6618.

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Superintendent of Schools/CEO

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