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SRPSD DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

After an extensive national search, and a thorough review of several outstanding candidates, the Board of Education for Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division is excited to announce the appointment of Neil Finch as the next Director of Education/CEO for the Division. Neil will begin his new role on August 1, 2023.

Board Chair, Darlene Rowden, said, *“We are very pleased that Neil will be moving into the Director’s role. He has demonstrated passion for providing the very best educational experiences for all students. He brings strategic thinking and data-informed decision-making that places students at the centre and we are confident that his leadership approach will support our staff in their efforts to provide excellence for all of our students and families.”*



Neil earned a B. Ed. in 2000 and Masters of Education in 2006 and has also completed formal certification in business, human resources and systems management. He joined the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division as Superintendent of Schools in 2013 after having gained previous experience in other school divisions as a teacher, principal and Superintendent/CEO. In his 10 years in the division, Neil has become well known to the Saskatchewan Rivers staff, students and families through his leadership successes and his involvement in many divisions, school and community initiatives.

Neil, said, *“I am humbled, honored and excited for this new opportunity within Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division. I have been working for SRPSD for 10 years and have been fortunate enough to work alongside a great team of professionals in our division. I am very proud of Sask Rivers Public School Division and I want to do what I can to help our division continue to be a great place for our students, families and staff. I look forward to continue working with the SRPSD Board of Education in a different capacity. We have a Board that is passionate about all students being successful in their learning. I am excited for the new role and helping our system move forward as a caring, compassionate and supportive division.”*

The Board would like to thank retiring Director, Robert Bratvold, for his years of service and dedication to Saskatchewan Rivers. Robert will be an integral part of the work in the coming months as he and Neil work together with the Board and the SRPSD staff to ensure a smooth transition of Division leadership.

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