



News Release

Statement from the RDCRS Board of Trustees regarding the Superintendent of Schools

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools' Board of Trustees has announced that Dr. Kathleen Finnigan, Superintendent of Schools, has retired effective immediately.

Ryan Ledene, Associate Superintendent of System Services, has been appointed by the Board as Acting Superintendent.

Mr. Ledene has been with Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools since 1998 and has served as a teacher, vice principal, and principal before joining the Division's Senior Administration Team as an Associate Superintendent in 2012. His most recent portfolio, System Services, included management of the Division's Facilities and Transportation Departments. Previous Associate Superintendent portfolios include Faith Development & Division Support, and Human Resources.

He holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta, as well as a Master of Religious Education and Graduate Certificate in Catholic School Administration from Newman Theological College.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools graciously thanks Dr. Finnigan for her years of service to our Division and wishes her well in her future endeavours.