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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools welcomes two new Associate Superintendents to Senior Leadership Team

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ike Hanna as Associate Superintendent of Learning Services and Nicole Zimmerman as Associate Superintendent of Student Services, effective August 18, 2025. These strategic additions to the Senior Leadership Team will bring extensive experience and a deep commitment to Catholic education to the division.

New Associate Superintendents Bring Decades of Experience

Ike Hanna, appointed as Associate Superintendent of Learning Services, has been a dedicated member of RDCRS since 2003. He holds a Master of Education in Leadership and School Improvement from the University of Alberta and brings over 20 years of experience in the Pre-K to Grade 12 education system. Mr. Hanna has held various leadership roles within the division, including Vice Principal at St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School and Principal at Father Henri Voisin School, St. Gregory the Great Catholic School, and École Secondaire Notre Dame High School. His passion for mentoring educators, coupled with his commitment to faith, inclusion, and curriculum development, will be invaluable in his new role. Mr. Hanna is also an active member and Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's Parish.

Nicole Zimmerman, who will serve as Associate Superintendent of Student Services, has been with RDCRS for over 30 years, joining in 1994. She holds a Master of Education in Educational Leadership and Curriculum from City University of Seattle, where she received Presidential Honors for Meritorious Achievement. Ms. Zimmerman's diverse career with Red Deer Catholic includes roles as a classroom teacher, French Immersion Lead, Curriculum Coordinator, Vice

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Principal, and Principal across several schools, including Montfort, St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School, École Camille J. Lerouge, and St. Teresa of Avila. Currently the Division Director of Inclusion, Ms. Zimmerman brings 15 years of administrative experience and a profound dedication to inclusive learning supports. She is also a longtime member of Sacred Heart Parish, actively serving as a Proclaimer, Eucharistic Minister, and a founding member of St Katharine's Conference, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ike Hanna and Nicole Zimmerman to our Senior Leadership Team," said Ryan Ledene, Acting Superintendent of Schools for Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools. "Their insight, visionary thinking, and proven leadership will be instrumental in driving our shared goals forward and supporting the success of our students, staff, and communities. We look forward to the expertise and commitment to excellence they will bring to their respective portfolio areas."

The appointments of Mr. Hanna and Ms. Zimmerman reflect the division's ongoing commitment to fostering a strong leadership team dedicated to the holistic development and success of all students within the Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools community.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 9,600 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 950 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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