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2023-2024 LEADERSHIP STAFFING NEWS

Coast Mountains School District is pleased to announce the following leadership staffing appointments for the 2023-2024 school year effective August 1, 2023:

Louise Ormerod

- Currently serving as the Interim Principal at Hazelton Secondary School, Louise will continue to serve Hazelton Secondary School in this capacity for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Louise has demonstrated exemplary leadership in serving in this interim role and will continue to bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and a deep commitment to the success of all learners at Hazelton Secondary School. She brings great insight, leadership and commitment to making a continued positive difference in the lives of children. She holds a Bachelor of Education Degree from University of Saskatchewan (SUNTEP Program), a Master of Education Degree in Leadership from University of Oregon, and a Master of Education Degree in Clinical Counselling from University of Northern British Columbia.

Jaclyn Wells

- Currently the Principal at Kitwanga Elementary School, Jaclyn will assume the role of Vice Principal at Caledonia Secondary School effective August 1, 2023. She will join Principal Jane Arbuckle and Vice Principal Joe Dominguez as the third member of the school's administrative team.
- Part of Jaclyn's administrative responsibilities will include advising on Indigenous graduation success. This will include tracking and monitoring student performance as well as working with the Indigenous Education Workers and Indigenous Support Workers to ensure Indigenous students are on track to graduate. She will lead this at Terrace schools - Caledonia Secondary School, Parkside Secondary School and Skeena Middle School.
- Jaclyn, who is of Indigenous ancestry from the Haisla, Gitksan and Tsimshian First Nations, has always demonstrated passion in her profession, an understanding and respect for diverse cultures, history and the importance of community involvement in making a difference in the lives of young people. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology and a Bachelor of Education Degree from University of British Columbia, and a Master of Education Degree in Educational Leadership from Vancouver Island University.

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Spencer Edwards

- Currently a member of the teaching staff at Kitimat City High School, Spencer will assume the role of Vice Principal at Mount Elizabeth Middle/Secondary School effective August 1, 2023. He will join Principal Julia Jacobs and Vice Principal Stacey Rodrigues as the third member of the school's administrative team.
- Part of Spencer's administrative responsibilities will include advising on Indigenous graduation success. This will include tracking and monitoring student performance as well as working with the Indigenous Education Workers and Indigenous Support Workers to ensure Indigenous students are on track to graduate. He will lead this at Kitimat schools - Mount Elizabeth Middle/Secondary School and Kitimat City High School.
- An educator with 25 years' experience, Spencer is a strong and passionate advocate for the success of all learners, including those from diverse and rich cultural backgrounds. His energy, enthusiasm and deep commitment to students will have a positive impact on the continued success of the students and the school community at Mount Elizabeth Middle/Secondary School. Spencer grew up in Wales, United Kingdom, and he completed a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Post-Graduate Degree in Education in the United Kingdom. Spencer holds a Special Education Diploma from University of Victoria and a Master of Education Degree in Educational Leadership from Vancouver Island University focused on developing a sense of place by incorporating place-based learning and Indigenous ways of knowing into the learning environment.

Like Terrace and Kitimat, Hazelton will also designate an administrator whose responsibilities will include a focus on improving Indigenous graduation success. The Indigenous Education Department is excited to be growing to best meet the needs of Indigenous learners across all communities throughout the district.

Coast Mountains School District is currently seeking a new Principal for Kitwanga Elementary School and for Majagaleeh! Gali Aks Elementary School respectively. For more information, please contact our Human Resources Department at (250) 638-4441.

Please join me in congratulating Louise, Jaclyn and Spencer on their appointments. Our best wishes are extended for every success in these exciting leadership roles and responsibilities effective August 1, 2023.

Aaron Callaghan
Superintendent of Schools