FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Grande Yellowhead Public School Division is pleased to announce that Kelly Smith will be the division's newest Supervisor in the Learning Services department beginning the 2016-17 school year. Kelly takes over as Supervisor of Technology after her work as Grande Yellowhead's Educational Technology Lead teacher during the past school year where her duties included research & innovation for technology to support student learning, working with school based teams to support student learning as well as providing professional development opportunities for school based staff.

"Kelly has been a valuable and dedicated member of the Grande Yellowhead team for a number of years and I am very glad that she agreed to take on this important leadership role to ensure that our students and staff have access to the right technical tools and resources for success," noted Cory Gray, Superintendent of Schools.

Kelly completed her Bachelor's Degree at the University of Alberta in 2005 with a major in elementary education and minor in educational psychology, and is completing a Masters in educational technology from the University of Calgary.

She has been an active member in the Town of Hinton for the past 25 years where she taught a variety of grade levels from 2 to 7 and took on a number of different roles in support of student learning initiatives. Dedicated to improving education at the local and provincial levels, Kelly has also served as the local Alberta Teachers' Association school representative, economic policy committee member, annual representative assembly delegate, Joint C2 (Teacher Efficacy) Co-Chair and has proudly been the local president for the past 6 years.

She was excited to take on the new position as she is passionate about supporting student learning through the use of technology. "I am confident that this new position will be filled with many opportunities to serve the students and staff of GYPSD. I look forward to working with the technology team to provide effective and timely supports to enhance student learning."

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