

## **New Staffing Announcement - Director of Inclusive Education**

**Immediate Release: April 28, 2021** - [Grande Yellowhead Public School Division](#) (GYPSD) is pleased to announce that Ms. Erin Murphy has accepted the position of Director of Inclusive Education as part of the Education Services Centre's senior team beginning the 2021/2022 school year. She is replacing Kim McConnell, the current Director, who has been seconded to Alberta Education for the next two years.

Ms. Murphy is currently the Principal of École Pine Grove Middle School in Edson, Alberta. She was an Assistant Principal at Parkland Composite High School in Edson, and a Learning Support Teacher at Harry Collinge High School in Hinton. She has worked in elementary, middle, and high schools which provided her multiple opportunities to build relationships across the Division.

Along with teaching math at varying grade levels, Ms. Murphy created and ran the Achieving Independence Program in Harry Collinge High School where she first found her passion for inclusive learning. She has also supported students as a Career and Academic Advisor at Parkland Composite and brought her experience and learning to her roles in administration.

Ms. Murphy has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Concordia University of Alberta, and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta. In recent years, she has earned a Graduate Diploma in Leadership with Heart, and a Graduate Certificate in Advancing Healthy and Socially Just Schools and Communities through the University of Calgary. She is currently working toward a Master's Degree in Educational Research.

Proud to name herself as a student-centered leader, she holds inclusive education at the core of her priorities in education. "I am so honored to be able to step into this role and support Grande Yellowhead Public School Division's students and communities on a larger scale."

