

## New Principal Announcement - Niton Central School, Niton Junction

**Immediate Release: May 21, 2021** - [Grande Yellowhead Public School Division](#) (GYPSD) is pleased to announce that Ms. Jan Wiens has accepted the principalship at Niton Central School in Niton Junction beginning the 2021/2022 school year.

Ms. Wiens has been with GYPSD for 30 years, serving as a classroom teacher, Alberta Initiative for School Improvement lead teacher, Assistant Principal, and most recently, as the Department Head of Parkland Composite High School's Pacer Success Centre. She started her career at Grande Cache Community High School where she taught mostly Grade 9 Math, and varying grades of Social Studies. From there, she became the Assistant Principal of Summitview Middle School and taught Grade 8 Math and Social Studies. After nineteen years in Grande Cache, she moved with her family to Edson in 2010. For the past eleven years, Ms. Wiens has taught Math 9, Social Studies, and Summer School at Parkland Composite High School, as well as serving in various teacher-leadership positions.

In 2018, Ms. Wiens became the Department Head of the Pacer Success Centre where she works with her team, students, and their families to provide well-advised, personalized education plans, including online opportunities for students which, in turn, ensures that every student is an individual and is continuously working towards "their future, their plan."

Ms. Wiens earned a Bachelor of Education from the University of Saskatchewan, a Master's of Arts in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University, and a Certificate in Career Development and Academic Advising from the University of Calgary.

Proud to be a student-focused and career-long educator within GYPSD's world class education system, Ms. Wiens has a passion for rural education, their schools and their communities, and looks forward to this new opportunity in Niton Junction.

[Niton Central School](#) is located in Niton Junction and has an enrolment of 120 students. The school provides a diverse range of programs for students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 9.

