

New Staffing Announcement - Learning Services Supervisor

Immediate Release: May 21, 2021 - [Grande Yellowhead Public School Division](#) (GYPSD) is pleased to announce that Mr. Steven Ripkens has accepted the position of Learning Services Supervisor beginning the 2021/2022 school year.

Mr. Ripkens is currently one of two Assistant Principals at Parkland Composite High School in Edson, having moved to Edson for the position in 2018 with his wife and two sons. Prior to that, he taught in the communities of Bonnyville and Slave Lake. He currently teaches in Parkland's new Technology and Engineering Center, and is the Social Studies Department Head. He had the privilege of working as part of the Administrative team at Niton Central School for the 2019/2020 school year as an Acting Principal.

Mr. Ripkens started his teaching career at Roland Michener Secondary School in Slave Lake, where he taught Social Studies and Physical Education for two years. He then moved home to Bonnyville, where he taught for six years at Bonnyville Outreach School and one at Bonnyville Centralized High School. While in Bonnyville, he taught English Language Arts, Social Studies, Physical Education, Career and Life Management, and Grade 9 Health, in addition to a variety of Career and Technology Studies including Photography and Construction. Mr. Ripkens has been an Athletic Director, and has also been an active Diploma Marker for Social Studies 30-2.

He completed his Bachelor Degree from the University of Alberta in 2008, specializing in Social Studies and Physical Education. In 2017, Mr. Ripkens completed a Master's Degree, also from the University of Alberta, with a focus on leadership and school improvement.

Mr. Ripkens is a strong believer in a well rounded educational experience, by providing students with a broad range of learning opportunities to support their core studies. He is committed to creating a learning environment where every student feels welcome, and achieves to the best of their ability. He is excited for the opportunity to work with staff, students, parents, and community members in his new role within the Division.

