

New Staffing Announcement -PRINCIPAL, SHELDON COATES SCHOOL

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Immediate Release: June 24, 2024 - Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) is pleased to announce that Mrs. Jillian Hammer has accepted the position of Principal of <u>Sheldon Coates School in Grande Cache</u> beginning the 2024/2025 school year. She has been the acting Principal over the last school year.

Mrs. Hammer has been teaching for 21 years across North America including Texas, North Dakota, Kansas, and for the last fifteen years, in Grande Cache, Alberta. She earned an associate's degree in Agribusiness from Dickinson State University (2001), then a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, with a concentration in Music (2003) from the University of North Dakota. She is currently working on a master's degree with courses completed in teaching English as a Second Language from Fort Hayes University. Mrs. Hammer has also presented on a number of topics at Teacher's Conventions across the province.

Over the years in Grande Cache, she has been involved in the Otters Swim Club, figure skating, Grande Cache Saddle Club, Chinook Riders, and the Grande Cache Fish and Game Club, proudly helping to bring opportunities for the local youth in her community.

As animals and the outdoors are a huge part of her family's lives, she can usually be found at the barn with her family and her horses if not at the school.

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Grande Yellowhead stretches from Jasper National Park, east to Evansburg, and north to the Hamlet of Grande Cache. The jurisdiction includes seventeen schools, approximately 4,200 students, and 600 staff members.