

New Staffing Announcement Superintendent of Schools

Immediate Release: March 26, 2025 - The Board of Trustees for [Grande Yellowhead Public School Division](#) (GYPSD) is pleased to announce, after extensive community consultations with students, staff and community representatives, the appointment of Mr. Kurt Scobie to the position of Superintendent of Schools and CEO for the School Division.

Commenting on the appointment, Board Chair, Dale Karpluk said, "The Board has one employee, the Superintendent, and hiring a new Superintendent is one of the most important responsibilities a Board undertakes, and we were committed to getting it right. We listened to our stakeholders and were fortunate to have had outstanding applicants. In the end we found the perfect fit in Mr. Kurt Scobie. With a strong track record in GYPSD serving as the Learning Services Supervisor of Technology, the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement Coordinator, and as Principal in three of our schools, Mr. Scobie has consistently prioritized student learning and relationship building as keys to success. The Board is confident in his leadership, and we warmly welcome him as our new GYPSD Superintendent of Schools. He is an innovative educational leader, and he is enthusiastic about ensuring all students have access to high quality and varied learning opportunities."

Mr. Scobie holds a Bachelor of Education, and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership. He and his family will maintain their home in Hinton.

When presented with the Board's confirmation, Mr. Scobie said, "I am honoured and excited to serve as the next Superintendent of Schools for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division. I want to thank the Board for engaging in such a thorough process that involved the input of GYPSD leaders, staff, parents/guardians and especially students. I have spent my career in Grande Yellowhead working with leaders, staff, and families to support the learning of our students. I believe that you are the culture that you create and that it can only be done by doing the hard work and getting to know those around you. I am ready to lead this school division with integrity, innovation, and a deep commitment to excellence. I look forward to collaborating with the Board to build a culture that will improve engagement with staff, students, stakeholders and community representatives."

Kurt will step into the role on July 1st, 2025. The Trustees would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Parsons for his steadfast support this past year as our Interim Superintendent.

