

**REGIONAL DISTRICT #11 AND CHAPLIN**

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Dear Regional District 11 and Chaplin Education Communities,

This letter is to introduce myself and my mission as I begin my tenure as Interim Superintendent of Schools in your community. I begin my work here with profound personal feelings with the passing of my friend and colleague, Kenneth Henrici, but with a sense of great hope for the future because of the legacy that Ken has built in your schools and communities.

I am committed to continue and enhance the direction and programs that he gave leadership and support. There is a need to provide stability and continuity during this unusual and sad time. My leadership style is inclusive, transparent, collaborative, and empathetic. It is my hope to be fully engaged and visible with students, staff, and parents during my time here.

During the new year I plan to visit all the classrooms, get to know staff and programs as well as observe, chat with, and learn about our wonderful students.

Please accept my wishes for a restful and enjoyable holiday time for you and your families.

Sincerely,



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Interim Superintendent of Schools