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SD46 ANNOUNCES EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENT UPDATES

SUNSHINE COAST, BRITISH COLUMBIA – Following a recruitment and interview process for the new position of district vice-principal of learning and innovation, School District 46 (SD46) is pleased to share the following Ed Leadership assignment updates:

- **Desiree Harris has been selected for the role of district vice-principal of learning and innovation.**
- **Paula Stroschein-Martinez has been appointed vice-principal at Chatelech Secondary.**



Desiree Harris has been selected for the new position of district vice-principal of learning and innovation. Desiree has a passion for curriculum, instruction, assessment, Indigenous education, equity, and inclusion. She spent 11 years as a classroom teacher at the high school level. During that time, she taught in several countries using diverse curriculums and assessment practices. In recent years, Desiree had the opportunity to work deeply with the BC redesigned curriculum, while piloting the new reporting policy and the new framework for

communicating student learning. She has taken on several leadership roles throughout her career and has facilitated various collaborative groups of educators working on transformative educational practices. Desiree joined SD46 as a teacher in the Indigenous Education Learning Team at the elementary level, and has most recently been working as a vice-principal at Elphinstone Secondary and Chatelech Secondary.



A warm welcome is extended to Paula Stroschein-Martinez in her new leadership role as vice-principal at Chatelech Secondary. Paula holds degrees in Psychology and Education with a MEd in Special Education. Paula began her teaching career in Burnaby, where she enjoyed working as an inclusion support teacher in elementary, secondary and alternate schools. Paula joined the Sunshine Coast school district in 2014, and has continued with her passion for inclusive education practices across the district, including her most recent role with the District Inclusion Support Team as an inclusion support coordinator. She brings incredible expertise and strength from her role in inclusion, her ability to work alongside

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staff and students, and her passion and conviction to ensure that barriers are removed for learners. Her experience with trauma sensitive practice and her relationships with families are additional strengths. She has also been a teacher-in-charge at Chatelech Secondary and thrived in the role.

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"I am very grateful to be able to work and live here on the traditional unceded lands and waters of the shíshálh and Skwxwú7mesh Nations. Being part of the Chatelech Secondary community has been so wonderful and I will miss everyone. I'm excited to take on this new challenge and thrilled that I will get to continue to work collaboratively with educators from schools all throughout the district." – **Desiree Harris**

"I am honoured to be living, working and raising a family on the beautiful traditional and unceded lands and waters of the shíshálh and skwxwú7mesh Nations; the very lands and waters that helped raise me. It has been such a pleasure to work, learn and play alongside so many amazing and inspiring individuals across this district. It was not that long ago that I was teaching at Chatelech, and I am more than excited to be joining their dynamic school community once again; connecting and reconnecting with the students, staff, and families." – **Paula Stroschein-Martinez**

"We are delighted to have Desiree Harris take on this new leadership role with the district and are thrilled in welcoming Paula Stroschein-Martinez to the Ed Leadership Team. Their care, expertise, and dedication will continue to support students, staff and community in their new roles." – **Superintendent Kate Kerr**

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We acknowledge with respect the unceded and traditional lands and waters of the Skwxwú7mesh and the shíshálh Nation where we gather, learn, and collaborate with one another.

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