



## SCHOOL DISTRICT 64 (GULF ISLANDS)

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To the Education Community of the Gulf Islands:

Further to the appointment of Dr. Scott Benwell as Superintendent of Schools effective January 1, 2019, The Board of Education is pleased to announce that Ms. Linda Underwood has been appointed as Acting Assistant Superintendent effective January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. While Dr. Benwell will assume the role of SD64 Superintendent in January, he will continue to be seconded to the Ministry of Education on a half time basis from January 1 – April 30, 2019. Additional senior administrative support will not be added to staffing at the School Board Office during this period of time.

Further changes to senior administration will be implemented in the future to support student learning and simultaneously deliver cost savings. The positions of Secretary Treasurer, Manager of Finance, and Manager of Facilities will be restructured into two positions in the first half of 2019. Additionally, the educational component of senior administration will be restructured in the future to include two District Principals in addition to the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent (with a Human Resources focus). The District Principal positions will be phased in when positions with current district responsibilities are amalgamated due to attrition.

In addition to providing continuity during a time of significant change in the district, this configuration will provide a cost savings to the Board of Education. Cost savings associated with this restructuring are \$100,000 in year one (January – December, 2019) and \$60,000 in subsequent years.

Sincere regards,



Rob Pingle, Board Chair