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For Immediate Release:

APPOINTMENTS/CHANGES TO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR THE 2017/18 SCHOOLYEAR

Parksville, BC – August 31, 2017

School District 69 will see some changes in school and district leadership for the upcoming school year. Those changes will be as follows:

Brian Nikula, Principal of Bowser Elementary, has resigned from his formal leadership position and will be returning to the classroom this fall.

Kevin McKee, who has been serving as a Vice Principal at Ballenas Secondary, will assume the Principal position at Bowser Elementary. Mr. McKee has many years of experience at the intermediate level having served as a teacher and Vice Principal at the former Oceanside Middle School.

Lesley LaCouvee, who was scheduled to serve as Vice Principal at Bowser Elementary and False Bay School, will return to the position she held last year as Vice Principal at Ballenas Secondary while retaining her responsibilities at False bay School on Lasqueti Island.

Former SD69 principal **Bobbi Coleman** will be serving as acting Vice Principal at Bowser Elementary School on an interim basis while the district solicits expressions of interest from teachers within the district to fill this position on an acting basis for the remainder of the year. Ms. Coleman has been working with Vancouver Island University supporting student teachers in their education program practicum work.

We appreciate the flexibility of these individuals whose plans for the upcoming year have been shifted at the 11th hour and wish them success in these new roles.

As a reminder of previously announced changes:

The district welcomes **Ronda Bell** as District Principal of the International Student Program. Ms. Bell previously held the same position in SD68 (Nanaimo/Ladysmith).

Kerri Steel who served as District Principal for Learning Services has accepted a position as a school-based leader in SD68 (Nanaimo/Ladysmith.)

Sarah Hung will be serving SD69 in her new role as Vice Principal for Learning Services. Sarah has done extensive work as a learning services teacher in our district as well as the Coquitlam School District.

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