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# Press Release

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## Vice-Principal Hired for Morden Collegiate Institute

Morden, Manitoba

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Western School Division is pleased to announce the hiring of **Michael Ward** as **Vice-Principal of Morden Collegiate Institute** beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

Michael is originally from Lockport, Manitoba and graduated from Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees from the University of Manitoba and is pursuing a Masters degree in Administration. Following a year of teaching in Beijing, China, Michael began teaching grade 8 at EMMS in 2013 moving to Vice Principal of Maple Leaf Elementary School in 2017.

As an educator Michael's educational philosophy has always centered on the belief that teachers are not simply distributors of information but facilitators of learning. Every student comes to a classroom with individual skills and educators set the environments in consideration of student differences to develop deep thinkers and practiced learners. Sir Ken Robinson said it best stating, "We have to recognize that human flourishing is not a mechanical process—it's an organic process. And you cannot predict the outcome of human development. All you can do, like a farmer, is create the conditions under which they will begin to flourish"

Michael is excited to be working with a new staff, a whole new group of students, with parents and caregivers and with our community to help our students become lifelong learners and create the environments where they can flourish!

Western School Division is very pleased to announce this appointment. We believe that this announcement is a positive message to our students, staff, and community, and will assist the division in meeting the exciting opportunities outlined in the Board's Priorities Plan.

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