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# Press Release

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## Administrative Changes at École Morden Middle School

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École Morden Middle School is expected to see approximately 650 Grades 5 to 8 students next fall. The dual-track school currently has 3 modular classrooms.

École Morden Middle School will see changes next fall due to the **retirement of current Principal Suzanne Powell**. Western School Division is very appreciative of Mrs. Powell's "kids first" approach. Always a strong advocate for students, Mrs. Powell will be missed by all. She began her career in Western School Division at École Morden Middle School in 2002 serving as a teacher, Guidance Counselor, Resource teacher, Vice-Principal and Principal. We wish her all the best in retirement.

With her departure, the **Board of Trustees has appointed Mr. Garth Shindle as Principal** for the start of the new school year. Mr. Shindle has served as the Vice-Principal of École Morden Middle School since the fall of 2016. Prior to coming to Western School Division Mr. Shindle worked for 13 years as a teacher and school administrator in Carman and Roland. Garth is a strong community minded school leader with excellent communication skills who is well liked by students, staff and parents. Western School Division is very pleased to announce this appointment.

Western School Division is appreciative of the leadership and student focus of each of these individuals. A competition to hire a new Vice-Principal will begin in the near future.

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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