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Press Release

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Interim Assistant Superintendent

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Due to the impending retirement of Assistant Superintendent of Schools Cyndy Kutzner, the Board of Trustees of Western School Division is pleased to announce the appointment of **Marianne Fenn** as Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Marianne brings twenty-three years of experience in the education field, fifteen of those years have been as a school administrator and a consultant with Manitoba Education. She has spent the last 9 years as an administrator within Western School Division, currently serving as Principal of Morden Collegiate Institute. Prior to that she worked with the Distance Learning Unit supporting schools and learners with the delivery of provincial options for distance education programming. Earlier in her career she was an administrator in a pre-Kindergarten to grade 12 school in Lac Brochet, Manitoba.

Marianne holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Education degree from Lakehead University. She also holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Victoria.

Throughout her career, Marianne has valued the importance of strong relationships with students and their families. She believes our schools need to be spaces where students feel belonging, safety, and inclusion so they can learn and succeed. She has appreciated – as a parent, foster parent, and as a school principal – the degree to which Western School Division's schools are seen as places where students' uniqueness and diversities are appreciated and recognized, and where their cultural lenses, passions, needs, and challenges are met. In her role as Interim Assistant Superintendent, she looks forward to being able to continue to support the ongoing efforts our staff make to ensure our students thrive in rich learning environments.

Marianne and her family have resided in Morden since 2008. Her children Jesse and Ruby are recent graduates of Morden Collegiate.

Western School Division is confident in the expertise, experience, and enthusiasm that Marianne will bring to this role and look forward to her continued leadership and impact on our education system. Please join us in wishing Marianne all the best as she transitions to this role in August.

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