



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

MEDIA RELEASE

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The Board of Education of School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) is pleased to announce that **Ms. Shaune Gowe** has been appointed District Principal – Student Support Services, effective August 1, 2019.

For the past twenty-five years, Ms. Gowe has worked at Penticton Secondary School in many different roles. Her current role is Vice Principal. Past roles include Special Education Teacher, Inclusion/Response to Intervention Co-teacher, Literacy Teacher, Learning Assistance Teacher, Resource Room Teacher and Support Services Department Head. Other job related experience includes working on various school and district committees; such as the Core Competencies Self-Assessment Design Team, Student Snapshot Program, Ministry Core Competency-based Individual Education Plan Pilot and Board/Authority Authorized Course Development.

Ms. Gowe has a Master of Education (Special Education) from Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia, a Bachelor of Education Degree (Special Education) and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of British Columbia.

We congratulate Ms. Gowe on her new appointment.

Ms. Gowe succeeds Ms. Susan Thomson who will be retiring from her position as Director of Instruction – Student support Services, effective December 31, 2019. Ms. Thomson joined the district in August, 2015, arriving from School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) where she worked for 20 years. Prior to relocating to the Okanagan, Ms. Thomson worked in School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) and in Auckland, New Zealand. Ms. Thomson brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the district. The Board thanks Ms. Thomson for her commitment and contributions to the district, staff, students, community organizations and the teaching profession. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

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