



Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division No. 77

Due to the retirement of our Superintendent of six years, the Board of Trustees invites applications for the position of Superintendent/CEO for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division No. 77. Duties will commence September 1, 2017 or as mutually agreed.

The Division

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division stretches from Jasper National Park, east to Evansburg, south of Cadomin, and northwest beyond the Town of Grande Cache. The jurisdiction includes 18 schools, five Learning Connection Centres, approximately 4,500 students, and 560 staff members. Seven trustees have been elected to serve, and the Division office is located in Edson, approximately 200 km west of Edmonton on the Yellowhead Highway #16 and approximately 170 km east of Jasper National Park.

The Division is noted for its programming excellence. To this end, we prepare every student for a challenging future filled with optimism, hope, dreams and endless possibilities.

The Division's operating budget for 2016/2017 is \$62,500,000.

The Region

Grande Yellowhead is in a vibrant region of Alberta, abundant in resources and made up of diverse landscapes and cultures. Community life is supported by a broad range of amenities, and excellent medical services are available throughout the region.

Spectacular scenery enhances abundant recreational opportunities, including camping, hiking, canoeing, skiing, hunting, fishing and golfing. Quality recreational and cultural facilities are located in major centers. Ready access to the capital region and the international airport makes this an attractive location. This is an area with a colourful history and a promising future.

The Candidate

The Board seeks a student-centered, dynamic, innovative and visionary leader who can build on current Division strengths, is highly visible in schools, can lead meaningful engagement with communities, and can work collaboratively with Alberta Education and other partners.

This highly ethical, life-long learner will be committed to continuous improvement, will ensure accountability of self and others, develop leadership capacity for team-oriented decision-making and possess an ability to nurture a Division culture marked by staff wellness and positive working relationships.

The successful candidate will qualify for an Alberta teaching certificate, hold a Master's degree, and have significant successful, broad-based educational leadership, including work as a system and school-based administrator.

More Information

For more information, visit our Division website at www.gypsd.ca and the Town of Edson website at www.townofedson.ca

The competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Applications received prior to May 25, 2017 are assured careful consideration.

Applications

E-mail, by May 25, 2017, a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and a list of at least five recent references in a single PDF file to:

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GRANDE YELLOWHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/CEO SEARCH

IDEAL CANDIDATE PROFILE

Academic Qualifications

- ◆ Master's degree in education or a related area as a minimum
- ◆ Must qualify for or hold teaching certification in the province of Alberta
- ◆ Knowledge of current legislation, educational research, issues and trends
- ◆ Models life-long learning

Professional Experience

- ◆ Significant, successful, broad-based educational leadership experience, including work as a system and a school-based administrator
- ◆ Demonstrated strong classroom experience
- ◆ Knowledgeable and supportive of rural education issues
- ◆ Significant, successful experience with diverse cultures

Student Focus

- ◆ Ensures that each student is provided with a quality education within a welcoming, respectful, safe, caring and inclusive learning environment that fosters and maintains respectful and responsible behaviours
- ◆ Committed to high levels of student achievement and excellence in learning, with exemplary staff performance
- ◆ Has the ability to maximize student learning and student engagement

Leadership Style/Skills

- ◆ Committed to innovative and visionary leadership, building on current Division strengths
- ◆ Is a dynamic, relational and accomplished leader
- ◆ Is an ethical leader who demonstrates personal and corporate integrity
- ◆ Is committed to a collaborative, transparent approach to decision-making processes, balanced with the strength to make necessary difficult decisions
- ◆ Is committed to building strong working relationships within the Division and with our communities

- ◆ Is committed to continuous improvement of self, others and the Division
- ◆ Is a passionate advocate for public education
- ◆ Values and builds leadership capacity of all personnel in the Division
- ◆ Ability to maintain high visibility in schools and within the Division
- ◆ Demonstrates strong communication and facilitation skills, including public engagement
- ◆ Ensures accountability of self and others
- ◆ Is politically astute and has the ability to work effectively with Alberta Education and other ministerial partners
- ◆ Has the courage to implement change and enables others to do so
- ◆ Ability to work effectively with other partners – local, regional, provincial, national and international
- ◆ Is a positive ambassador who has the capability to work effectively with administrators, staff, parents and school councils within our diverse community context
- ◆ Has the ability to optimize financial resources for maximum student benefit
- ◆ Is knowledgeable and understanding of and committed to the advancement of technology to enhance learning and organization effectiveness
- ◆ Ability to build respectful relationships and to work synergistically with the Board of Trustees
- ◆ Models a healthy balance between career and personal life