



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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Manu Madhok, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce the following addition to the administrative team, effective August 1, 2022.

**Deborah Koehn** will be joining Babine Elementary Secondary School in Granisle as the new Principal. She replaces Dylan Watt who is retiring from the district this summer.

Deborah is a long-time educator in Northern BC, including 33 years in SD57 and as an instructor in the Teacher Education programs at UNBC and Vancouver Island University (VIU). Currently, she is working for SD91 as a District Vice-Principal, supporting schools, students, and families during the pandemic.

Deborah has a Bachelor of Education from UBC and a Master of Education from UVIC. During her long and distinguished career, she has been part of numerous regional and provincial Education committees. She has also presented at several national and international conferences since 2009.

Deborah was the recipient of the UNBC: University Excellence Award for Professional Practice, Mentorship & Stewardship, and the Association of BC Deans of Education: Teacher Educator Award in 2020. She was chosen for a British Columbia Premier's Award for Literacy Teaching in 2007.

Deborah brings a passion for outdoor, experiential, and student-centered learning. She also brings a deep commitment to expanding Indigenous language and culture and building strong relationships with the local communities to improve student success.

Manu Madhok commented, "As a district, we have had a chance to work with Deb Koehn on several learning initiatives over the last 5 years and are excited to have her join us as a school leader. Deb's significant leadership experience in BC education will strongly impact Babine Elementary -Secondary and the communities of Granisle and Tachet that are served by the school."

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