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RDCRS appoints new secretary treasurer

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) is excited to announce the appointment of Laurel Latka, who will be the Division's new secretary treasurer, effective August 2023.

Laurel brings extensive financial education experience having previously worked for the Black Gold School Division from 1995 - 2021, where she served as the finance manager and then as the director of finance. Prior to her appointment, Laurel served as the manager of corporate accounts payable for The City of Edmonton.

As a financial steward who is best known for her innovative approach, Laurel has experienced great success in her previous roles through the implementation of several key initiatives she introduced to improve workflow efficiencies and financial processes. She hopes to bring the same forward-thinking leadership to her new role at RDCRS.

"On behalf of our Division, I want to welcome Laurel to RDCRS and say how excited we are to have someone with this depth of experience helping guide our Division budget and financial operations," said Superintendent, Dr. Kathleen Finnigan at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

When she's not in the office, Laurel enjoys hiking in the mountains, biking and gardening. She is happily married with three daughters.

Laurel will take over from current secretary treasurer, Rod Steeves, who has served the Division since 2006 and will be retiring at the end of August 2023. RDCRS would like to express their sincere thanks to Rod for his dedication and commitment to our school division, as we say farewell and wish him blessings on his retirement.

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,480 students in 20 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 850 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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