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New Horizons Board of Directors Announces New Superintendent

The Board of Directors of the New Horizons Charter School Society is pleased to announce that Dr. Dean Lindquist has been appointed as Superintendent of Schools, effective August 30, 2019. Chairperson for the Board of Directors, Ms. Nicole Pasemko, indicated the short-listed candidates interviewed by the Board were extremely strong. She further stated, "The Board extends our appreciation for the wonderful leadership provided over the past seven years by Don Falk, our outgoing Superintendent."

Dr. Lindquist comes with successful, broad-based educational and administrative experience. Leadership positions held since 1990 have included three principalship positions in Buffalo Trail Public Schools at both the elementary and high school levels, Deputy Superintendent for the Aspen View Regional School Division, Superintendent of Schools for Grande Yellowhead Public Schools for eight years, Assistant Deputy Minister (Program and System Support) for Alberta Education for five years and, for the past three years, Superintendent of Schools for SD 71 (Comox Valley) on Vancouver Island. In addition, he has served as a sessional instructor for the University of Calgary, delivering Masters level courses, since 2014. Dean's training includes a Bachelor of Education (Physical Education and Mathematics) from the University of Saskatchewan, a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from San Diego State University, and a Doctor of Education in Leadership Studies from the University of San Diego.

Dean stated, "I am thrilled to be appointed to the position of Superintendent of this charter school with its focus on meeting the needs of academically-gifted children in a congregated setting and on providing students with an environment that supports their unique intellectual, social and emotional needs." He has introduced programs for gifted students in his previous leadership assignments but this is the first assignment devoted solely to this mission. As the first charter school in Canada, New Horizons has provided leadership within the charter school community. Ms. Pasemko noted that, with Dean's strong academic and experiential background, this will undoubtedly continue to be the case.

Janice Caton, chair of SD 71 (Comox Valley), said Dean's many contributions included: working with the Board to strengthen the governance structure in the District, focusing on data driven decision making, and strengthening accountability. She described him as a champion for community consultation and community engagement. She noted "He is there for the kids...for the right reasons."

Dean and his wife, Edith, have one daughter, who lives in Edmonton, which makes their return to Alberta and the Capital region truly a homecoming.