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River East Transcona School Division Welcomes New Superintendent/CEO

(June 8, 2022) The board of trustees is pleased to announce that Sandra Herbst has been appointed as the new superintendent/CEO of River East Transcona School Division (RETSd) starting August 1, 2022.

Formerly a teacher, vice principal and assistant superintendent in Transcona Springfield and RETSD, Ms. Herbst spent the last 12 years as a senior associate with Connect2Learning, a consulting firm helping educational professionals learn and design a more meaningful and powerful experience for their colleagues and their students.

Herbst is an accomplished, professional educator and author with a proven record of improving student learning, leading and developing teams, directing strategic and operational planning cycles, and practising future-facing and innovative leadership skills. She is committed to the acts of truth and reconciliation. Her primary strength is in walking alongside educators at all levels of jurisdictions, systems and organizations to support their leadership and development.

“We are very pleased to welcome Sandra back to the RETSD family,” says Jerry Sodomlak, chairperson. “And she returns at an opportune time, as education reform is upon us, bringing new learned skills that will foster an even stronger leadership team to build success for our students and staff,” he adds.

Following the announcement of the retirement of current superintendent/CEO Kelly Barkman, the RETSD recruitment team went to work. Finding the right candidate to take over from Barkman’s ten-year span as superintendent/CEO was no easy feat.

“We are confident the stability and strength of the team under Kelly’s leadership will continue to thrive under Sandra’s guidance. We are impressed with Sandra’s extensive work with provincial legislation and developing system policies as well as her ability to communicate ideas in ways that inspire, bring clarity and build commitment,” says Sodomlak.

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