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## **Prairie Spirit appoints new Director of Education**

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Darryl Bazylak as the new Director of Education for Prairie Spirit School Division, effective August 1, 2021. Lori Jeschke, the Division's current Director, will retire at the end of July.



Darryl Bazylak

"The Board is very pleased to congratulate Darryl on his appointment as Prairie Spirit's Director of Education," said Bernie Howe, Board Chair. "Prairie Spirit is fortunate to have Darryl join the Division with his extensive and varied experience, exceptional leadership skills and commitment to excellence and learning."

The Board also expressed appreciation to Lori Jeschke for her dedicated service as Director of Education for the past four years. "With her strong and steady leadership as Director, particularly through the pandemic, Lori has led our Division very well," Howe added. Jeschke has worked in a variety of roles in Prairie Spirit throughout her 34-year career in education.

Bazylak brings a wealth of experience to his new position as a Director of Education, with demonstrated success in his roles as teacher, in-school administrator and Superintendent. He has worked in both elementary and high schools. He worked at Oskāyak High School, an urban Aboriginal Cultural School in Saskatoon, for 10 years. "I am very much looking forward to meeting and learning from the students, staff and families of Prairie Spirit School Division," he said.

Bazylak is currently Superintendent - Human Resources Services at Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division. He has had the opportunity to provide leadership in several areas including human resources, learning services, facilities and technology. He completed a Master of Educational Foundations at the University of Saskatchewan in 2002. He has been actively involved in both community and educational communities where he has served on many professional committees and Boards.

"I have had the privilege of learning from and with Darryl on committees and LEADS professional development. I appreciate his learning leadership stance and his passion for building connections and engagement in all he does," said Jeschke.

Prairie Spirit School Division serves over 11,000 students in 47 schools and 28 communities surrounding the City of Saskatoon.

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