



December 16, 2021

Re: Interim Principal – Ucluelet Secondary School

Dear parents:

I am writing to confirm that Ms. Carol Sedgwick, USS Principal, remains on an extended leave, which we now know will be for the remainder of the school year. On the assumption of Ms. Sedgwick's short-term absence, Mr. Greg Kitchen was appointed interim principal of Ucluelet Secondary School, and this appointment will end as of January 14, 2022. As much as he has enjoyed his time at USS, we both understood his availability was limited and I remain grateful for the time, energy, and direction he has provided USS over the past two months. The students, staff, and community have made a positive personal impact on Mr. Kitchen, and I know that it is with mixed feelings that he leaves both USS and Ucluelet.

I am also writing to inform you that Mr. Drew Ryan will assume the role of Interim Principal of USS for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Ryan is a highly regarded educator and administrator, well-known in both Ucluelet and Tofino, and very familiar with many current USS students, parents, and staff members. It is also with mixed feelings that Mr. Ryan leaves Wickaninnish Community School, but his re-assignment provides further stability and consistency to USS, and he is excited by the opportunity to reunite with former students, parents, and staff, and to continue the work underway at USS. I am grateful for Mr. Ryan's understanding and willingness to make this mid-year move and know the two weeks on-site with Mr. Kitchen will help with a seamless transition between the two individuals.

I know there will be questions about the USS Principal position for the 2022/23 school year, and the answers to these questions will be considered as part of our annual review of school administrator placements that takes place each spring. Until then, please join me in thanking Mr. Kitchen for his commitment to USS and in welcoming Mr. Drew Ryan as Principal.

Sincerely,

Greg Smyth
Superintendent of Schools

Cc Pam Craig, Board Chair
Drew Ryan
Greg Kitchen