



December 16, 2021

Re: WCS Change in Administration

Dear parents:

I am writing to inform you that as of January 4, 2022, Drew Ryan will be moving to Ucluelet Secondary School as Interim Principal for the remainder of the school year. In his absence, Ms. Dani Stone will become Acting Principal of WCS and an Acting Vice Principal will be sought from the WCS staff.

Mr. Ryan's re-assignment is due to the extended absence of Ms. Carol Sedgwick, USS Principal, which we now know will be 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 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 that Ms. Stone and the rest of the WCS staff will continue to provide amazing service to WCS students and families.

I also know there will be questions about what this might mean for school administrator placements 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.

Sincerely,

Greg Smyth
Superintendent of Schools

Cc Pam Craig, Board Chair
Drew Ryan
Dani Stone