



**SUN WEST  
SCHOOL DIVISION**

*Success for all*

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## **LEADERSHIP ROLE CHANGES FOR 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR**

Dr. Tracy Dollansky, Superintendent of Education will officially retire on July 31, 2015.

Tracy began teaching in 1982, and has spent her 33 year career in the Sun West and former Biggar School Divisions. She wanted to extend “a special thanks to the staffs of Landis School, Biggar Elementary School, Biggar Central School 2000, Walter Aseltine School, and Sun West Central Office for your collegiality over the years. Thanks are also extended to the Sun West Board of Education for your continued professional support; it has been very much appreciated. Sun West School Division is recognized throughout the province as a leader in innovative approaches to learning and for creating an atmosphere of collaboration. Learning is student-centered with an ever-present goal of ‘Success for All’. Thanks to Guy for your leadership and direction over the past years. It’s been an honour to be a part of the Sun West team!”

She is looking forward to spending time with family and to some new educational adventures ahead. Tracy has entered into a consulting contract for the 2015-2016 school year that will allow her to work on present projects that require completion.

Sun West School Division’s System Review conducted last year identified a need for the division to develop better “Succession Planning”. In addressing this recommendation Sun West has implemented two processes aimed at providing increased internal training opportunities. The first being with the retirement of Dr. Tracy Dollansky, Sun West has decided to drop one ‘*Superintendent*’ position and change that into an ‘**Assistant Superintendent**’ role. And with the announcement of Jade Ballek taking on the principalship of our new DLC in Kenaston for the 2015-2016 year, we have decided to change that ‘*Consultant*’ position into an ‘**Assistant Superintendent**’ role supporting our superintendent team. These two Assistant Superintendent positions will report to the *Superintendent of Operations*, Kathy Grad, and provide support to school administrators and teachers. Kinderlsey Composite School Principal, Kim Hobbs and Elrose Composite School Principal, Vicki Moore were the successful candidates who assume the new roles of Assistant Superintendents in the 2015-16 school year.

The second process is the development of an “Aspiring Leadership” training program. This involves a Master’s program focused on Rural Education. There was an overwhelming interest from teachers and administrators in the division. This program will help prepare employees to take on more formalized leadership positions within the Sun West School Division.

Director of Education, Dr. Tétrault stated, “We believe that these two new processes will significantly enhance our ability to ‘grow our own!’ This will provide excellent staffing resources for our school division as leadership roles become available.”

The Sun West School Division's Human Resources Department has also been busy recruiting teachers and administrators for the 2015/16 school year.

We are pleased to announce the following administrative appointments:

- Beechy Colony School Principal - Tamara Wanner
- Smiley Colony School Principal - Amanda Bricker
- Elrose Composite School Principal - Shirley Jones
- Kenaston School Principal - Greg McJannet
- Kindersley Composite School Principal – Blaine Hilbig
- Distance Learning Centre – Principal – Jade Ballek
- Distance Learning Centre Vice-principal - Aaron Biberdorf
- Distance Learning Centre Vice-principal - Kurtis Heath
- Distance Learning Centre Vice-principal - Doug Gasper
- Distance Learning Centre Vice-principal - Kim Johnson

As a result of the restructuring of the Kindersley Schools, the administrators for the restructured elementary schools for next year are below:

- Elizabeth Middle School Principal - Tammy Diemert
- Elizabeth Middle School Vice-principal - Candace Besharah
  
- Westberry Elementary School Principal - Chris Oscar
- Westberry Elementary School Vice-principal - Kathy Friesen

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