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SUPERINTENDENT SCOTT STINSON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

LANGFORD, BC – After a thirty-seven-year career in public education, Superintendent Scott Stinson will retire from his role with the Sooke School District at the end of the calendar year. The Board of Education was notified of his retirement plans in early April.

Stinson began his teaching career in Burns Lake and then returned to the Greater Victoria area where he would spend the next thirty-six years in public education. Stinson taught at the elementary, middle and secondary levels followed by administrative positions as District Curriculum Coordinator, Vice Principal, Principal and District Principal. He was serving as an Associate Superintendent for the Saanich School District when he was appointed to the Superintendent/CEO role at the Sooke School District in 2018.

“It has been an honour to spend the last several years of my career serving the students, staff and families of the Sooke School District,” said Stinson. “I am extremely proud of what we have been able to accomplish together, and I will spend the next months ensuring that the District continues on a positive trajectory towards a path of equity, inclusion and progress for everyone.”

Ravi Parmar is the last remaining Trustee from the Board of Education who hired Stinson as Superintendent and CEO back in 2018. “It’s no secret that the last few years have been challenging for everyone and when we hired Scott, we had no idea we would all be thrust into a period of uncertainty, fear and change,” said Trustee Ravi Parmar. “We couldn’t have asked for a better leader to help the District navigate how to continue the important work of public education despite a global pandemic, extreme growth and the affects of inflation in our communities. Scott is a remarkable educator and visionary, who will be truly missed.”

“Scott has led with integrity and kindness, he’s been a champion for the Sooke School District, and we are grateful for the time he has spent with us,” said Interim Board Chair Amanda Dowhy. “As we begin the process of searching for a new Superintendent, we will be looking for a candidate who will continue to advance the District’s organizational maturity and will work to ensure our school communities are engaging, innovative and inclusive.”

Scott is looking forward to spending more time with his family and getting back to the activities he loves like tennis, golf and surfing. As a lifelong learner and educator, he will continue to support public education and his colleagues.



The Board of Education will begin the process to hire a new Superintendent who will take over as of January 1, 2024.

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