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Superior-Greenstone DSB appoints Nicole Morden-Cormier as Superintendent of Education



MARATHON, Ontario – The Superior-Greenstone District School Board (SGDSB) is pleased to announce the appointment of Nicole Morden-Cormier as Superintendent of Education responsible for School Effectiveness/Early Years.

Morden-Cormier brings a wide range of knowledge and experience to the position of Superintendent of Education which will be integral as a member of the senior administration team. For the last six years as the board's School Effectiveness Lead she has worked with teachers and administrators throughout the district supporting school improvement and providing training in effective assessment and instructional practices. Her depth of knowledge, level of expertise and passion for learning are attributes for which she is highly respected for among her colleagues.

Morden-Cormier's role expanded in 2013 when she took on the position of the Early Years Lead. As such she was responsible for the implementation of the Full Day Kindergarten program in elementary schools throughout the district and the training of Early Childhood Education teams. Her reputation as a highly effective communicator and presenter received provincial recognition in 2013 when she was asked to participate in a panel discussion lead by Assistant Deputy Minister Jim Grieve on the Implementation of the Full Day Kindergarten Program.

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Upon her appointment, Morden-Cormier said, "I look forward to continuing to work collectively with our dedicated staff to reach our student achievement goals. I know that our district is committed to continuously enhancing programs according to the latest educational research and to ensuring that we continue to lead the way in serving small communities."

Morden-Cormier's started her career with SGDSB in 1995 as a classroom teacher at George O'Neill Public School followed in 2002 with her appointment as Vice Principal of the Dorion Public School. In 2006 she was appointed Principal of George O'Neil Public School in Nipigon. In 2013 she took on her current role as School Effectiveness/ Early Years Lead. Born and raised in Nipigon, Morden-Cormier has an intuitive sense of the learning needs of our students and aspirations of their parents and the community.

"I feel a strong passion for and I am committed to this region and to the education and well-being of our children," said Morden-Cormier. I believe that establishing and maintaining strong relationships with families, staff, our community partners, our school board trustees as well as the Ministry of Education is vital to ensuring that our schools thrive." Says Morden-Cormier, "Although we often speak of the challenges of being a small district, as a mother of a child in this system, I recognize that our 'small schools make a difference' as our children are known well and cared for in ways that can only occur in small schools."

Morden-Cormier holds a Master of Education from Charles Sturt University, an Honours Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education from Lakehead University. She has also acquired specialist qualifications in Special Education, and Computers in the Classroom and recently, she completed the Supervisory Officers Qualifications offered through the Council of Ontario Directors of Education. She plays an active role in the community as a member of the Board of Directors for the Brass Bell Ontario Early Years Program. The newly appointed Superintendent is very familiar with the challenges and opportunities presented in a remote northern board.

Director of Education, David Tamblyn stated that he is very pleased to welcome Morden-Cormier to the team of senior administration and looks forward to working with her in this capacity. "Through the course of her career Ms. Morden-Cormier has demonstrated her commitment to student achievement. Her extensive experience will lend itself well to her role as Superintendent of Education."

Morden-Cormier will continue to attend to School Effectiveness and the Early Years portfolio while Superintendent of Education Nancy Petrick is responsible for the Secondary Panel and Special Education.