



The Palliser School Division

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We are pleased to announce that Curtis Uyesugi has accepted the role of Principal for Kate Andrews High School commencing June 30, 2023.

Curtis earned a Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Science degree in 1996 and a Master of Education in Leadership in 2008 from the University of Lethbridge.

He began his teaching career in 1997 at Bonnyville Centralized High School before teaching at E.S. Laird Middle School in Lloydminster, SK. Curtis served as Vice Principal at that school from 2002 to 2006. In 2006 he was appointed Principal at Bishop Lloyd Middle School in Lloydminster, AB, and served students and staff there until 2013 when he became Principal of West Meadow Elementary School in Claresholm. In 2019 he joined Palliser School Division as Principal of Jennie Emery Elementary School where he has been since.



Curtis's focus on collaboration has built strong relationships at his current school and with the community, "I am very proud of my time at Jennie Emery Elementary School. As a team, we were able to lead our students through a difficult time during the pandemic. We have also developed a mini-sports program, offering an introduction to basketball, volleyball, and badminton. Most importantly, we have worked hard at becoming a Professional Learning Community. The teachers have time to meet and work together to provide Coaldale students with the best instruction".

Curtis hopes to continue this collaborative leadership philosophy at Kate Andrews. "Like the expression says, 'it takes a village.' Kate Andrews has a lot of great people working there. I am excited to become part of the team. I believe that my pre-K - 12 experience gives me the complete understanding to support the students and staff. I consider myself a teacher first and always look for the opportunity to further the learning of myself and others".

Born in Taber, he is happy to be working in Coaldale, "A long time ago, I did my student teaching practicum at RI Baker. It was at that time that I first thought about how awesome it would be to teach in this community. My experiences at Jennie Emery only reinforced those same thoughts", says Curtis.

He and his wife Treena are celebrating 25 years of marriage in May. He has two daughters who are both following in his footsteps, pursuing Education degrees at the University of Lethbridge. Curtis likes to golf, curl, and work in the yard with Treena.

Congratulations Curtis.

*Together we will ensure learning success for all students
to develop their unique potential as caring citizens in a changing world.*