



PRESS RELEASE
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Retirement Announcement - Superintendent of Schools

At the Regular Board meeting on November 15, 2021, Manu Madhok announced his retirement after the 2021-22 school year.

Mr. Madhok has had a distinguished career with the school district that started in January 1993 with teaching assignments at WL McLeod and Fort St. James Secondary. This was followed by a period of secondment to Tl'azt'en First Nation for several years prior to returning to the school district as a principal at Eugene Joseph Elementary, David Hoy Elementary and EBUS Academy before joining the School District's senior leadership team as a Director of Instruction in the fall of 2012. He served as an Assistant Superintendent until July 2018, when he was appointed Superintendent of Schools.

As Superintendent, Mr. Madhok has led the District through the development of a new five-year Strategic Education Plan and influenced data-informed initiatives in literacy and numeracy along with the important work with Truth and Reconciliation, diversity, Inclusion, and anti-racism education. Mr. Madhok initiated the resurgence of the DPAC committee to support parents and guardians across the District. He has been a strong advocate for support equity in our system and building relationships with our staff, parents/guardians, and communities.

Mr. Madhok remarked, "Although we still have significant work to complete to ensure equity of outcomes for all students, I am proud and thankful for the hard work that we are collectively doing to advance this goal. I want to thank friends and colleagues across this school district who have made the work so joyful and satisfying. I want to express my gratitude to our trustees, members of the Aboriginal Education Council, our partner groups and stakeholders, our District's leadership team, SD91 parents and families, and perhaps most importantly, our students. Every interaction that I have with the students that we serve as a school district has been a reminder of the 'why' behind our work."

Board Chair Dave Christie stated, "Manu has been such an inspirational superintendent over the past four years. I am so grateful for his leadership and guidance through his strong advocacy for improving results for students across the District. I am happy for Manu and would like to wish him all the best in retirement after over three decades working in the service to others."

Board Vice-Chair Nadine Frenkel commented, "On behalf of the Board of Education for School District 91, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Superintendent, Manu Madhok, and wish him the very best in all his future endeavours. We have been fortunate to have such a well-respected, highly regarded and dedicated individual as our Superintendent and we look forward to continuing to work with him in the months ahead as he completes his tenure."

Carrie Smith, DPAC President, added, "On behalf of the SD91 DPAC, I would like to thank Manu for the guidance and support he has provided. The genuine care he has for every student in our district shines through in his work and I look forward to finishing up this school year with him."

The District wishes Mr. Madhok all the best in retirement and know he is looking forward to spending more time in the kitchen as he is a master chef in the making. Don't be surprised if you see him soon hosting a new cooking show on HGTV.

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