



**Media Release  
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**Announcement  
Superintendent**

The Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) has unanimously agreed to appoint Irene LaPierre as the district's Superintendent effective August 1, 2018.

It is with great excitement and anticipation that Irene is looking forward to relocating to Prince Rupert from School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap). She brings with her a wide background as a high school teacher, an elementary school principal and extensive district level experience.



Irene is currently completing her doctoral dissertation, "Mapping the Landscape of Aboriginal Student Success" in the Educational Studies department at the University of British Columbia. From both a personal and professional level, Irene has a deep understanding of Aboriginal learners and looks forward to facilitating a student-centered, strength-based approach to educating all students in School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert).

Irene's ancestral background is Metis, Anishnaabe and Cree. She is originally from the prairies but, as she states, "I've been loving B.C. for a long time." Irene is the proud mother of two sons, stepmother to two daughters and grandmother to three wonderful, busy grandsons. Irene and her husband Tim LaBoucane, a retired Park Warden from Parks Canada, look forward to the new adventures that Prince Rupert and area have to offer.

The Board extends its appreciation to the partners and administrators who provided insights to the recruitment process, including building the candidate profile and participating in candidate interviews. The Board values their input and thanks them for their time and energy.

"The Board of Education was moved by Irene's personal story of success," said Board Chair Tina Last. "Her focus on student success as the foundation for decision-making mirrors the Board's Vision and Mission. We look forward to working with Irene to achieve successful outcomes for all of the district's students."

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