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PRESS RELEASE

New Superintendent of Schools

Calgary, June 8th, 2011 – The **Greater Southern Public Francophone Education Region No. 4** and **The Greater Southern Separate Catholic Francophone Education Region No. 4** are pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. **Jacqueline Lessard** as the Superintendent of Schools for the two Boards effective August 1st, 2011.



Originally from St-Boniface, Manitoba, Ms. Lessard has 35 years of educational experience in Regular, French Immersion, International Languages and Francophone programs in Alberta. Ms. Lessard joined the Greater Southern Public Francophone Education Region No. 4 as Assistant Superintendent in August 2008. Ms. Lessard holds a Master of Arts in Administration and Curriculum.

In her role as Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Lessard's areas of responsibility include Human Resources, Educational Services as well as leadership development for school administrators. Her strong skills and competencies in school management will allow her to lead the two Boards with a sense of passion, integrity and maturity.

Ms. Lessard succeeds Mr. **Gérard Auger**, who has served as Superintendent of the Public Board since 2008 and has been Superintendent of the Public and Catholic Boards since 2010. The two Boards wish to express their gratitude for his contributions to their success and to the proposed creation of a Francophone Regional Authority (FRA – South) in southern Alberta.

Ms. **Anne-Marie Boucher**, Chair of the Public Board, is very pleased with this appointment "Ms. Lessard is an accomplished administrator. Her experience as Assistant Superintendent of the Public Board over the past three years has deepened her understanding of the issues at hand. She will provide continuity and stability in the administration of the two Boards."

"I am confident that Ms. Lessard's vast experience will serve her well in her efforts to bring the projects of both boards to fruition. She has demonstrated great leadership skills and we recognize the competencies and abilities that she brings to this position," added Ms. **Diane Boutin**, Chair of the Catholic Board.

We congratulate Ms. Lessard and wish her the best in her new functions.

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