



The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

POSITION VACANCY: DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION – STUDENT LEARNING

The North Okanagan-Shuswap School District invites applications from individuals who are seeking a challenging and rewarding educational leadership opportunity in a vibrant and beautiful environment. The start date for the position is negotiable depending on the availability of the successful applicant but is anticipated that the appointment would be effective August 1, 2018.

Our District

In the North Okanagan-Shuswap School District, we serve just over 6300 students in 23 schools through a variety of sites located around Shuswap Lake and the North Okanagan. We are known for strong academic achievement, a thriving trades and careers program, and a rich culture of school athletics. The school district enjoys comprehensive Local Education Agreements with each of four First Nations bands. One elementary, one middle, and one secondary school offer French Immersion. A newly developed Strategic Plan prioritizes a “students first” focus on success, organizational efficiency, and a culture of health and wellness as our key goals.

Our Communities

With year-round recreational activities in a spectacular natural setting, we offer a small-town atmosphere with big city services. You’ll find musical and theatre performances, garden markets, wineries, and opportunities for world class boating, biking, hiking, and golf right outside your door. Add in quick access to larger centers and very affordable housing, and it is clear that the North Okanagan-Shuswap is a truly desirable place to live.

The Position

The Director of Instruction – Student Learning reports directly to the Superintendent of Schools and is a key member of the senior leadership team with responsibilities for organization of schools and assumes responsibility for the administration of aspects of Student Learning as assigned. Key responsibilities include:

- Provide leadership for the district's current and future student learning initiatives meeting the learning needs of all students including those with Special Education designation;
- Strong knowledge of current trends in special education and of the key issues in the fields of school psychology, speech language pathology, counseling psychology, behaviour management, autism (ABA), special needs requirements and instructional needs of students with special needs;
- Coordination of all aspects of student safety including student discipline/restorative meetings;
- Coordinate support for students with Inter-Ministerial and Community agencies;
- Work as a collegial team member with trustees, senior staff and district management, principals and vice-principals, teachers, and support staff;
- Participate in the teacher and school staffing process.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications, experience and attributes:

- Teacher Regulation Branch certification or eligibility
- Masters of Special Education preferred or equivalent post-secondary graduate training
- strong Special Education background and practical experience in an inclusionary approach to provision of special education services
- Successful school and district administration experience or equivalent
- extensive and successful experience working with child support agencies
- superior interpersonal and conflict resolution skills
- excellent oral and written communication skills
- exemplary organizational and planning skills
- strong managerial skills and financial/budget experience
- strong educational and cultural leadership skills evidenced by successful accomplishments

The Process

Letters of application with resume, supporting documentation and three professional references with a brief statement of educational philosophy and a one page description of a successful curriculum initiative implemented by the applicant should be forwarded no later than **Monday, June 18, 2018 @ 12:00 Noon to cpratt@sd83.bc.ca**.

Questions regarding this position may be directed to Peter Jory, Superintendent of Schools at (250) 804 7822. We thank all who apply, however, only those who are selected for an interview will be contacted.