

## News Release

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### **Lakeshore School Division Appoints New Superintendent Team**

Lakeshore School Division Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Darlene Willetts, Superintendent\* and Donald Nikkel, Assistant Superintendent effective, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 and February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 respectively.

Ms Willetts brings 18 years of experience, all in Lakeshore School Division. She is currently the principal at Ashern Central School. Prior to becoming principal, Ms Willetts served as the success coach and vice-principal at Lundar High School and middle years teacher at Eriksdale School. Ms Willetts comes with a strong background in instructional leadership, along with a passion and caring for student learning. Her collaborative approach ensures all partners play a role in creating an inspired community of learners. Her commitment to Lakeshore School Division, its students, families and communities is unwavering.

Mr. Nikkel brings a proven track record in implementing and leading innovative project development. He is currently the program director of the LEGO (Lakeshore Educational Growth Opportunities) project. His innovative approach to education focuses on experiential learning and has provided students with experiences like the LEGO project, RTM house build, and wilderness out-tripping program. As a member of the Lundar community, he's committed to providing authentic learning opportunities for students throughout the Division. Along with his educational pursuits, Mr. Nikkel will bring successful business experiences to his role.

The Board looks forward to working with this well rounded team as they serve the students and their families within the Lakeshore Communities.

\*Ms Willetts will assume the role of Assistant Superintendent until the retirement of Ms Martell, current Superintendent, on July 1, 2019.