



ANNOUNCEMENT

PATRICIA GARTLAND NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



October 21, 2014 ... Coquitlam, BC ... The Board of Education of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) is pleased to announce Mrs. Patricia Gartland as the new Superintendent of Schools effective January, 2015. Coquitlam School District enrolls over 30,000 students in 65 schools and serves the communities of Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, and Port Moody.

Board Chair Melissa Hyndes said, "The Board of Education of School District 43 is extremely pleased to welcome Patricia Gartland as Superintendent of Schools. Patricia has played a lead role on the District Leadership Team for many, many years. She brings a vast knowledge of School District 43 and an expertise in globalizing our school district. Patricia Gartland is an exemplary educational leader who is accomplished and visionary. We are looking forward to working with her for the future of our students and in order to continue to ensure the excellence for which we are known in School District 43."

Patricia Gartland said, "I am proud to lead our learning organization with its strong reputation for fostering innovation and inspiring excellence. I look forward to working with students, parents, staff and the Board of Education to communicate our strategic vision for Learning Without Boundaries."

Patricia Gartland has served a leadership role in Coquitlam School Board as the Assistant Superintendent – International Education. Over a decade ago, she instituted what has become one of the most successful revenue generating International Education Programs in BC through the implementation of her vision for the internationalization of the school district and its communities – "guiding global citizens, becoming tomorrow's leaders." Patricia's proficiency in several languages is an asset to her work in global education.

Patricia holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts in French Language and Literature from UBC and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from SFU. Patricia attended school in Coquitlam and graduated from Centennial. During her career with Coquitlam School District, Patricia has filled a variety of roles as French Immersion teacher, Teacher-Librarian, Program Coordinator, K-12 School Administrator, District Principal, and Director of Instruction.

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) has as its dream, Learning Without Boundaries: *Increasing Success in Life for All.*