



# News Release

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## **Jenness Moffatt Appointed Superintendent of St. James-Assiniboia School Division**

**May 26, 2023 (Winnipeg, MB)** – At a Special Board Meeting of the St. James-Assiniboia School Division on May 23, 2023, the Board of Trustees appointed **Jenness Moffatt** to the role of Superintendent following a thorough open and transparent competition process including applicant selection and interviews.

After carefully considering the requirements of the Superintendent position in relation to key strategic priorities for the School Division, the Board determined that Jenness Moffatt exceeds all requirements. Board priorities for this term and beyond include the establishment of a strategic plan for 2023-2027, continuing to address the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and growing student support needs, advancing ongoing Reconciliation efforts, and supporting diversity and inclusion initiatives.

Moffatt has been acting in the role since August 2022 and prior to that served as Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Education and Administration for two-and-a-half years. She assumes the role effective May 24, 2023.

“Jenness is a proven leader with over two decades of experience in the Division. She also played a critical role in assisting the Board navigate the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Board Chair Cheryl Smukowich. “I am pleased to announce her appointment to this key leadership position and wish her the best of luck as we continue the important work of overseeing the education of over 8,300 students.”

“I am humbled and honoured to serve the St. James-Assiniboia community as Superintendent,” said Jenness Moffatt. “I thank the Board for this amazing opportunity and look forward to working with the Board, staff and students, families and the wider community as we support teaching and learning and the diverse needs of our student body in SJASD.”

Moffatt began her career with SJASD in 2000 as an Early Years teacher (Crestview School, Athlone School). She went on to work in a variety of roles for the Division including divisional coordinator, school administrator (Bruce Middle School, Crestview School) and divisional administrator. Previously, Moffatt worked for Frontier School Division in a variety of educational roles throughout the 1990s. She holds a Master’s degree in Professional Education; Educational Leadership from the University of Western Ontario, and a Bachelor’s degree in Education from Brandon University.

SJASD is a progressive school division in west Winnipeg serving over 8,300 students across 26 schools. SJASD is committed to educational programs in which children can develop their natural abilities to their fullest extent, building upon personal strengths and the richness of our area’s culturally diverse population. SJASD operates on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininew and Dakota peoples, and on the homeland of the Red River Métis nation. SJASD respects the Treaties that were made on this territory. For additional information, visit [sjasd.ca](https://www.sjasd.ca).

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