



March 10, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am thrilled to announce that Ms. Trudi Tallerico has been appointed Assistant Principal of McKenzie Highlands School. Ms. Tallerico is currently Assistant Principal of Tuscany School. She brings with her over 25 years of experience with the Calgary Board of Education, having served as a classroom teacher, school-based learning leader, area learning leader, and assistant principal.

Ms. Tallerico is passionate about working with students, teachers, and families to create a personalized and engaged learning environment that emphasizes the importance of community. She is excited to work with parents, students and staff to build a new school community that reflects the unique qualities of McKenzie Towne and is a supportive and positive place for your children to learn.

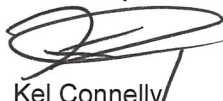
Ms. Tallerico will join me at the beginning of April on a full-time basis to begin the work of opening our community's new school. During this time, we will be making regular visits to both McKenzie Towne School and David Thompson School, in order to get to know our students and their families. As well, we will begin the process of staffing our school during this time, determining the organization of the school, and preparing the school budget for the 2016-17 school year.

As you may already know, the Calgary Board of Education has 21 new school construction projects underway in communities throughout Calgary to support its growing student population. McKenzie Highlands is expected to open in September and will offer regular programming to students in grades 5 through 8.

For information on the new school and answers to some of your questions, visit cbe.ab.ca/schools, click on Building and Modernizing Schools and then click on the link for the new school in your community. Please check back regularly for updates as new information is posted when it becomes available. You can also e-mail cbecommunications@cbe.ab.ca with any questions related to new school construction and accommodation.

In the coming months, both Ms. Tallerico and I look forward to meeting you and your children as we embark together upon the exciting journey of building an exceptionally strong school community.

Yours truly,



Kel Connelly
Principal