



## Regina Public Schools Director of Education Announcement

**The Board of Education is pleased to announce that Mark Haarmann has been appointed Director of Education/CEO effective August 1, 2024.**

Mark Haarmann has more than 30 years of service in the education sector in Ontario, having served as a teacher, vice principal, principal, staffing officer (human resources), superintendent, and Associate Director with Peel District School Board. He is currently a lecturer with the Faculty of Education at Western University.

Mark has demonstrated leadership experience in all aspects of school division operations. As Superintendent of Education for a family of schools, Central Superintendent, and Associate Director for almost 15 years, he was responsible for leading key elements of the Peel School District's *Plan for Student Success*, co-leading a number of Ministry of Education initiatives, and conceptualizing and leading district-wide initiatives and strategies in support of literacy, Indigenous education, mental health and wellness, equity and inclusion, restorative practices, alternatives to suspension, and parent and community engagement.

Mark holds a Master of Education (Leadership) from York University, a Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto. He is currently completing his PhD at Western University.

Mark's commitment to student achievement, equity-centred approach, and results orientation position him well to lead Regina Public Schools over the coming years. He is committed to building strong relationships with students, staff and employee groups, parents, community members, partner organizations, and governments and is looking forward to getting to know Regina Public Schools.

Board Chair Sarah Cummings Truskowski said, "We are excited to welcome Mark to Regina Public Schools as Director of Education/CEO. The Board is confident that his strategic leadership and management strengths will serve our students, staff, and communities well. We look forward to working with Mark on the key Board priorities outlined in our Strategic Plan, including Indigenous education, diversity and inclusion, and advocacy for public education."

Mark Haarmann added, "I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to be a part of Regina Public Schools. As an experienced educator, I deeply appreciate the dedication and effort required to support student success. I am inspired by Regina's educators, staff, and Trustees who tirelessly advance public education. My goal is to offer unwavering support to all board stakeholders as we collectively impact the lives of our learners. I am here to contribute to the everyday excellence in our schools, classrooms, and board sites. My commitment is to collaborate with Regina's dedicated Trustees, skilled educators and employees, caring families and community supports to continue to provide equitable, inclusive, and safe environments for learning and working. I very much look forward to being a part of the future of this outstanding Division."

On behalf of the Board, congratulations again to Director of Education/CEO Darren Boldt on his retirement after more than 30 years with Regina Public Schools and thank you to each and every Regina Public School Division employee in classrooms, offices and workspaces throughout the Division. We wish you all the best for a relaxing summer break ahead and look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

**Sarah Cummings Truskowski** (she/her)  
Board Chair