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Pacific Rim School District Board Elects New Chair and Vice-Chair

Port Alberni, BC - December 4, 2025 - The Board of Education is pleased to announce the election of Trustee Cynthia Orr as Board Chair and Trustee Chris Washington as Board Vice-Chair for the 2025/26 school year. The election occurred at the Board's Annual Public Board Meeting held on November 25, 2025.

The Chair and Vice-Chair provide leadership and direction to the Board, supporting its role in governance, policy development, and stewardship on behalf of students, families, and staff. Working alongside fellow trustees and district leadership, they will continue to advance the district's strategic priorities with a continued focus on student achievement, well-being, and learning environments that are safe, welcoming, and inclusive.

The Board remains committed to working collaboratively with local First Nations, Indigenous partners and partner organizations, supporting educational practices that respect culture, strengthen relationships, and advance reconciliation.

Chair Orr expressed appreciation for the confidence of fellow trustees and shared her vision for the year ahead. "I am honoured to step into this role and am grateful for the trust of my colleagues. I am thankful that former Board Chair Pam Craig continues to serve on the Board - her experience and leadership will continue to be a source of strength for our team. As Chair, I am committed to guiding the Board with integrity, transparency, and respect, while keeping our shared focus on student success, strong partnerships with our First Nations communities, and responsible governance that reflects the values of our district."

Vice-Chair Chris Washington also expressed enthusiasm for the work ahead. "I am pleased to serve as Vice-Chair and to support the Board's work," said Vice-Chair Washington "I look forward to working collaboratively to ensure we continue to make thoughtful decisions in the best interests of students, families, and the community."

The Board extends its sincere thanks to Trustee Craig for her many years of service as Chair and remains grateful for the leadership and mentorship she continues to provide. With this leadership team in place, the Board looks forward to the year ahead with confidence and a shared commitment to excellence in public education.

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About Pacific Rim School District

The Pacific Rim School District is situated on the ḥaḥuḥi of the cīšaaʔath (Tseshah) and Hupačasath First Nations. With schools also located on the ḥaḥuḥi of the Huu-ay-aht (Huu-ay-aht), and ʔaʔuukʔiʔath (Tla-o-qui-aht), First Nations and the Yuuḥiʔiʔath (Yuu-cluth-aht) Government, the district serves a regional population of approximately 31,000 people, including 4,000 students from across Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet, Bamfield and other remote communities. www.sd70.bc.ca