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Pacific Rim School District Appoints New Secretary-Treasurer

Port Alberni, BC, March 2, 2026 - The Board of Education of Pacific Rim School District is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Secretary-Treasurer, effective mid-April 2026.

A long-time financial leader within the region, Teri Fong joins the district after many years of service as Chief Financial Officer with the local Regional District. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to public service, fiscal responsibility, and collaborative leadership.

Raised in Port Alberni and now raising her own children within the school district, she brings both professional expertise and a deep personal connection to the community. Her understanding of the region, its families, and its priorities will be a valuable asset as the district continues its work to support student success across the Alberni Valley and West Coast communities.

In her previous role, she worked closely with local First Nations on shared initiatives, infrastructure planning, and regional services. She brings meaningful experience in building respectful, government-to-government relationships and understands the importance of partnership, transparency, and ongoing dialogue. The Board recognizes this experience as an important strength as the district continues to strengthen its relationships with the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations and advance its commitments to reconciliation and co-governance.

Board Chair Orr shared, "This appointment reflects the Board's commitment to strong, community-grounded leadership. Whether in Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet, or Bamfield, Ms. Fong understands that everything we do must centre around the success and well-being of our students. Her ability to build strong relationships across governments and communities will be instrumental as we work together to ensure every child in our district has the opportunity to thrive."

As Secretary-Treasurer, Teri will serve as the district's chief financial officer and corporate officer, overseeing financial stewardship, facilities, transportation, and corporate services in support of the Board's strategic direction and governance responsibilities.

The Board extends its sincere appreciation to the selection committee and all applicants who participated in the recruitment process. The district looks forward to welcoming Teri to her new role in April and supporting a smooth leadership transition.

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About Pacific Rim School District

The Pacific Rim School District is situated on the ḥaḥuuti of the c̓išaaʔath (Tseshaht) and Hupačasath First Nations. With schools also located on the ḥaḥuuti of the Huu-ay-aht (Huu-ay-aht), and λaʔuukʷiʔath (Tla-o-qui-aht), First Nations and the Yuuʔuʔiʔath (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