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Pacific Rim School District Trustee Resigns

Port Alberni, BC, August 5, 2026 - Pacific Rim School District announces that Trustee Janis Joseph has resigned from the Board of Education to pursue other exciting professional opportunities.

Throughout her term, Trustee Joseph brought a thoughtful and community-focused perspective to the Board table. She approached her role with integrity, professionalism, and a genuine commitment to supporting the success and well-being of students across the district. As a Trustee, she dedicated countless hours to reviewing information, participating in Board and committee meetings, engaging in professional learning, and making decisions that reflected the best interests of students and public education. Her willingness to listen, ask thoughtful questions, and contribute to respectful dialogue has been valued by her fellow Trustees and district staff alike.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Chair Cynthia Orr expressed appreciation for the Trustee's service to the students, families, staff, and communities of the district. "On behalf of the Board of Education, we extend our deepest gratitude to Janis for her years of thoughtful service to our students, staff and communities. Beyond her contributions at the table, Janis became a true friend to many of us, and she brought a perspective to this Board that was entirely her own — one we have come to value deeply and will not soon forget. Her presence will be genuinely missed, and we wish her every happiness and success in the next chapter ahead."

"Serving a four-year term as a Trustee with the Pacific Rim School District has been one of the greatest honours of my career, said Trustee Joseph. "I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside such dedicated colleagues, advocating for the success and well-being of our students, staff, and communities.

While I will truly miss being part of this remarkable Board, I leave with complete confidence that its members will continue to lead with integrity, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to providing the very best for every student and every staff member. Thank you for the privilege of serving—it has been an experience I will always cherish.

As the 2026 General Local Election will be held this fall, the *School Act* does not require a by-election to fill the vacancy. The remaining Board of Education will continue to fulfill its governance responsibilities through the remainder of the current term.

With the upcoming election approaching on October 17, 2026, Pacific Rim School District encourages community members who are passionate about public education and making a positive difference for students, to consider serving as a school trustee. Serving as a school trustee is a rewarding opportunity to make a meaningful difference in public education. Trustees are locally elected representatives who provide strategic leadership and governance for the school district. They work collaboratively to establish the district's vision and priorities, approve policies and budgets, advocate for students, and ensure resources are used responsibly to support high-quality learning opportunities. Trustees represent the interests of their communities while making decisions that benefit all students across the district, helping to shape the future of public education for generations to come.

Information about becoming a candidate, key election dates, eligibility requirements, and the election process is available at:

- Pacific Rim School District – 2026 School Trustee Elections: <https://www.sd70.bc.ca/2026-school-trustee-elections>
- Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – 2026 General Local Election: <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/2026election>

A candidate information session, provided to inform people about what it means to be a school trustee and what the role involves, is scheduled for 6:00 PM on August 18, 2026 at the Port Alberni City Hall Council Chambers.

Community members are also encouraged to follow **Pacific Rim Schools** and the **Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Government** (ACRD) on Facebook, for ongoing election updates and information throughout the election process.

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About Pacific Rim School District

The Pacific Rim School District is situated on the ɥaɥuuti of the c̓šaaʔaṭḥ (Tseshahṭ) and Hupačasath First Nations. With schools also located on the ɥaɥaɥuuti of the Huu-ay-aṭḥ (Huu-ay-aṭḥ), and ʔaʔuukʷiʔaṭḥ (Tla-o-qui-aṭḥ), First Nations and the Yuuṭuʔiṭaṭḥ (Yuu-cluth-aṭḥ) 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