



## **School District No. 6**

### **(Rocky Mountain)**

*Quest for Quality*

## **Welcome to the 2011-12 School Year**

On behalf of the Board of Education and administration of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) we extend a warm welcome to you as we begin the new school year. We hope everyone has had a rejuvenating summer.

We know there are many new staff and students at our schools this year. As you will come to appreciate, the Rocky Mountain District is a special community where everyone is valued as we work together to ensure the best possible learning and working environment. Additionally, we understand the importance of our core work, and as is outlined in our **2011-12 [Achievement Contract](#)**, we are very focused on the goal that “every student in SD6 will graduate with purpose, dignity and options”. We acknowledge that this is not something we can accomplish in isolation, or in a student’s graduation year. Our orientation towards the success of every learner is rooted in our strong professional relationships, and a commitment to thoughtful planning from the time a student enters Kindergarten until they walk across that stage. We heard stories from across our District this spring at our “Celebrations of Student Success” in each zone; stories that clearly demonstrate this commitment. We commend staff, parents and students for continuing to work towards enhanced levels of success. You are an inspiration.

We are excited to welcome new staff members in District positions this year. In Golden, we welcome Laurie Macdougall as the new Vice Principal at Lady Grey, and Darryl Smith as the new Vice Principal at GSS. In Windermere Zone, we welcome Gail Rines as the new Principal at Martin Morigeau, and Meghan O’Neill as our new Human Resources Coordinator. In Kimberley we welcome Clint Dolgopol as the new Principal and Jennifer Quigley as the new VP at Selkirk, as well as Marilyn Bancks as the new Principal at Marysville. Congratulations to all of you and we wish you all the best in your new roles.

We continue to support the **[Rocky Mountain District Directions 2013](#)** which were developed with input from staff, students, parents and the community. The Focus Areas and Directions that were set are as follows:

- **Our Culture:** Build and maintain a culture of shared values and understanding consistent with our Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles.
- **Our Students:** Be an innovative and responsive educational leader embraced by students and parents.
- **Our Staff:** Be the employer of choice.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Practice environmental stewardship.
- **Healthy Living:** Expand initiatives to support students, staff and our partners to maintain healthy life-styles.
- **Community Involvement and Engagement:** Work with community partners to develop mutually beneficial educational opportunities.

An update to [District Directions 2013](#) has been prepared which is now in a website format. You will see numerous examples of how we are working to fulfill these “big picture” goals of the Board of Education. Please take the time to have a look.

Our success as a District depends on an effective partnership between schools, families and the community. In short, we will do our best work when we work together. We thank you for your commitment to this collaborative approach.

On behalf of the Rocky Mountain Trustees and administration, have a great year!

Greg Anderson

Board Chair

Paul Carriere

Superintendent of Schools