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Former deputy minister named RESD superintendent

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John Carlyle, the former deputy minister of education for Manitoba, is the new superintendent of the River East School Division.

Carlyle's appointment was announced Oct. 29. He began the job Nov. 1, taking over the position vacated by Henry Kojima, who left for a job as the superintendent of the Burnaby School District.

"I believe the trustees are very pleased to have been able to get someone of his



John Carlyle

calibre," says George Wall, who was acting superintendent and who will spend this month familiarizing Carlyle with the division and the job, which pays between \$108,000 and \$112,000 annually..

Wayne Ritcher, the interim chairperson of the school board, says Carlyle "brings a wealth of experience in terms of education and government" and that his presence could enhance communication lines between the government and the division.

Carlyle, 53, was deputy minister of education for 11 years under the Filmon government. He was removed from his post after the New Democrats won the provincial election.

In an interview, Carlyle, a teacher and principal before joining the Department of Education, said he'd been thinking about changing jobs even before the election was called.

"I think I realized that after all those good years in government, that there was something I was missing. I was missing the schools and the students and teachers, and parents and trustees."

He said River East's excellent reputation attracted him to the job and that he looked forward to working with "a very fine teaching force, and good, committed people in administration."

One of the challenges, he says, will be to provide trustees with the information they need in the most simple, most direct form so they can make decisions. He agreed that his experience in government will likely help the board find shortcuts to that information.

"Governments do work differently because of the largeness of the system. It will help that I know a lot of people in the system," he said. Not, he added, that he expects any favours.

Carlyle said he hoped to help staff do their jobs effectively and efficiently. "We're all very busy people. One goal is to try to see if, as a team, we can find ways to work smarter, not harder."

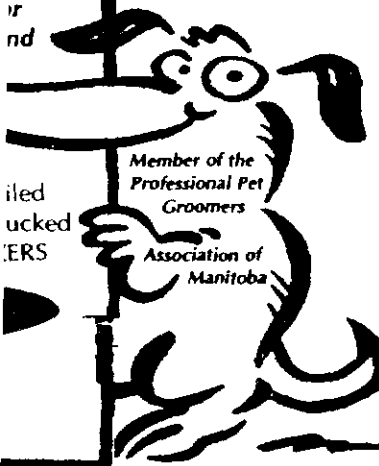
He also wants to continue the division's focus on teaching. "Schools are asked to do so much that sometimes we forget about what is most important - how we teach our children."

He also wants to assist the board to work meaningfully with parents. "Schools are so complex we can't run them alone. We need advice from parents."

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