

# Kojima announces resignation from superintendent's post

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**H**enry Kojima, superintendent of the River East School Division, has announced his resignation.

He leaves his post Nov. 19 to take a job as superintendent of Burnaby School District on the West Coast.

Kojima, 55, says it was an opportunity for change and a "nice challenge" to over-

see a school district with 26,000 students, about double the number of students in River East. He has been at the helm in RESD since Jan. 1, 1997.

While Kojima's successor has not been selected yet, the school board has made several other appointments.

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Otto Toews, who retired in January but continued on a six-month part-time contract to manage several special projects,

leaves the division June 30.

Filling his position will be Carolyn Lintott, currently principal of River East Collegiate.

Jack Jonasson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, also retires June 30 and will be replaced by Heather Hunter.

Hunter has been principal of William Whyte Community School in Winnipeg's inner city for the past seven years.

An educator for 21 years,

she has taught all grades, been a counsellor at Argyle Alternative High School, and vice-principal at Elmwood and R.B. Russell high schools. She has her masters degree in social work and is completing her PhD in education administration.

Meanwhile, the new principal of River East Collegiate will be Lauren Cartwright, who is currently principal at John Pritchard School.

Taking over as principal

at John Pritchard will be Ted Stoesz, a vice-principal at Kildonan East Collegiate.

John Henderson Junior High principal Gary Smith is retiring and in his place will be Vivien Saftiuk, who is currently principal at Prince Edward School.

Sylvia Taylor, vice-principal of Emerson Elementary, moves to Prince Edward as

principal.

Joe Pearn, vice-principal at John Henderson, has been appointed the principal at Salisbury Morse Place School. The former principal Rod Mason died in December 1998, and Ed Gilroy had been acting principal. Gilroy now moves to John Henderson as vice-principal.

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