



BGRD Superintendent Announces Retirement

September 12, 2018 - Dr. Norman Yanitski, Superintendent of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 (BGRD), has announced his plans to retire at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

"This is a bittersweet decision for me. It has been such a privilege to lead the team of dedicated educators and support staff within Black Gold, but the time has come for me to pass the torch," said Yanitski.

Yanitski's career in public education spans 38 years. He joined BGRD in 2000 as Associate Superintendent of Human Resources. In 2005, he became CEO/Superintendent of Schools.

"I am grateful to have been a part of an organization which is committed to inspiring success in our students. I could not imagine a more fulfilling career."

Yanitski made the official announcement at the September 12, 2018 BGRD Board meeting. Board Chair Barb Martinson thanked Dr. Yanitski for his service. "His commitment to creating student-focused learning environments and his unwavering support for staff has enriched all school communities within BGRD," said Martinson.

Dr. Yanitski will work with the Board of Trustees to transition to retirement during the 2018-2019 school year.

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About Black Gold Regional Division No. 18

Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 (BGRD) is located directly south of Edmonton, extending from the New Sarepta area in the east, to the Warburg area in the west. It includes the municipalities of Beaumont, Devon, Thorsby, Calmar, Leduc and Leduc County. With approximately 11,500 students enrolled in 32 schools, BGRD teachers and support staff are committed to "inspiring success" in all students. For more information on Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 and our schools, visit: www.blackgold.ca.

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