



School District No. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)

“To empower all learners to live the challenges of a diverse and changing world.”

PO Box 758
Smithers, BC
VOJ 2N0
Ph (250) 877-6820
Fax (250) 877-6835

April 27, 2026

PRESS RELEASE

School District #54 (Bulkley Valley) Announces Administrative Changes

School District #54 (Bulkley Valley) announces the retirement of Mr. Dave Margerm in August 2026, following 31 years of service with the district. Mr. Margerm has dedicated his career to serving students, staff, and the broader school community. Over the course of his career, Mr. Margerm has held many roles within the district, including classroom teacher, Vice Principal, Principal, and most recently, Secretary Treasurer. His leadership, commitment, and service have made a lasting impact on the district, and we extend our sincere best wishes to Mr. Margerm and his family in retirement.

School District #54 (Bulkley Valley) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Lauren Smaha-Muir to the Secretary Treasurer position effective August 1, 2026. Ms. Smaha-Muir holds a Bachelor of Commerce with a major in Accounting from the University of Northern British Columbia and earned her Chartered Professional Accountant designation in 2023.

Following graduation and completion of her CPA designation, Ms. Smaha-Muir worked for four (4) years in a local public accounting firm. She joined SD54 in 2024 as Payroll Administrator and quickly became an integral member of the senior administrative team.

Born and raised in Smithers, Ms. Smaha-Muir has a strong commitment to giving back to her community through service on non-profit boards and coaching minor hockey. She is passionate about supporting student success and empowering all learners through sound financial stewardship and responsible decision-making. With her demonstrated financial expertise and dedication to public education, we are confident in her success as the district’s next Secretary Treasurer.

We congratulate Ms. Smaha-Muir on her appointment and wish her every success in this important district leadership role.

M. McDiarmid
Superintendent of Schools
School District #54 (Bulkley Valley)

