

PRESS RELEASE

Date: February 14, 2023

To: Administrators, Board of Trustees, All Staff, School Council
Chairpersons; All CRPS Families

From: Christopher MacPhee—Superintendent of Schools

Re: Speech Language Pathologist for Canadian Rockies Public
Schools



We are pleased to announce the selection of Gillian Kastendieck in the position of Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) for Canadian Rockies Public Schools. Gillian's exceptional skill set and caring, inclusive approach makes her the ideal candidate for this new role. This additional resource is generously funded by the Wim and Nancy Pauw Foundation.

Gillian completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Alberta and moved to North Dakota where she received a post-baccalaureate degree in Communication Disorders and a Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology. Throughout her graduate program, Gillian completed several practicum placements with infants, preschool children, school-age children and adults. Her career began alongside a team of occupational therapists, teachers, and other speech-language pathologists in a preschool setting. Support and recommendations were also provided to daycare staff, educational assistants, and speech pathology assistants.

Gillian is passionate about giving individuals the tools they need to communicate and believes in the importance of a team approach. Gillian strives to create speech and language goals for the individuals she works with that are specific to their communication needs and functional within their day to day lives. She feels working closely with other team members is essential to the carry-over of skills into everyday life.

In her free time, Gillian enjoys traveling and exploring any and all new places. She also likes spending time outdoors, baking, and reading and has recently become a fan of Formula 1 racing.

Please join us in welcoming Gillian to her new role with Canadian Rockies Public Schools.