

News and Information

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Canada's Outstanding Principals

Kelowna, B.C. –

The Central Okanagan School District is pleased to announce that one of our Principals has been selected by The Learning Partnership as one of *Canada's Outstanding Principals* – **Raquel Steen** of École KLO Middle School.

Raquel has twenty-five years of experience in education which includes two international teaching assignments and one year in Saskatchewan. Raquel joined the Central Okanagan School District in September of 1995 as a French Immersion teacher at Kelowna Secondary School. Raquel's teaching experience also includes positions at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, KLO Secondary School and KLO Middle School.

In November of 2006 Raquel received her first administrative assignment as Vice-Principal of Dr. Knox Middle School. In July of 2007 she was transferred to École KLO Middle School where she remained as Vice-Principal until June of 2010. Raquel has been in her current assignment as the Principal of École KLO Middle School since July of 2010.

Superintendent of Schools, Hugh Gloster, noted that "Raquel Steen is a most worthy recipient of this award, which acknowledges her outstanding leadership in our schools. To be selected amongst only 40 school leaders being recognized throughout the Nation is a great tribute to her leadership."

The Canada's Outstanding Principals (COP) program is in its 11th year and this year's 40 winners will join the assembly of more than 350 previous recipients of this prestigious honour. The award is an initiative of The Learning Partnership, a national charitable organization that has championed public education in Canada since 1993. It is presented to Principals who have made a measurable difference in the lives of their students and their local communities. More Central Okanagan School District Principals have received this award than any other District in Canada.

The winners will be inducted into the National Academy of Principals at a gala dinner in Toronto and attend a week-long Executive Leadership Training Program at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management in February.

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