

Chinook's Edge welcomes Elisa Jackson as Staff Health and Wellness Coordinator

Chinook's Edge School Division is pleased to have Elisa Jackson filling the role of Staff Health and Wellness Coordinator. Jackson replaces Aaryn Manning who was the first employee in the role that began about seven years ago, strengthening the division's focus on staff wellness. Jackson is also the division's Early Learning Coordinator, with each role taking half of her time.

Jackson has been in Chinook's Edge for 20 years, teaching a variety of grades from pre-K to high school. She has also served as a Student Support Facilitator at Westglen School in Didsbury, and in Wild Rose School Division for a short time. After that role, Jackson returned to Chinook's Edge at Jessie Duncan School in Penhold, and later to Bowden Grandview School. Prior to her new position, Jackson served as the Student Services Coordinator in the south zone.

"Elisa is a great teacher, which is valuable in this role," says Ray Hoppins. "Also, Elisa is exceptionally skilled at making time to care for the people around her. Her relationships with teachers and support staff, as well as students and parents are strong. It's the value she places on people that will help us move our work with staff health and wellness forward." Hoppins also notes that Jackson has completed the two year Aspiring Leaders program.

"Through my time as a teacher and in supporting inclusive education, I have made many connections and strong relationships with staff, students and parents," says Jackson.



"In those roles, I valued the opportunity to be a supportive role model and mentor for teaching colleagues. I believe this will serve me well in the health and wellness role, because I understand the challenges that school staff face when navigating the complex needs of their students," says Jackson.

Hoppins says moving forward, the division will honour the structures that have been developed, specifically working with school wellness champions to provide opportunities for staff. "An area of growth for Chinook's Edge will be to build awareness of all the supports available to us, as staff," says Hoppins.

Jackson says she plans to focus on building relationships with division and school staff, as well as supporting individual wellness and team care. "I am excited to work with the Health and Wellness Steering Committee and champions to plan activities and initiatives that will benefit the wellness of all staff," says Jackson.

For more information about Staff Health and Wellness, visit our [website](#). Also, staff are welcome to call or email Elisa directly.

Chinook's Edge begins website refresh project

Chinook's Edge School Division is beginning a project that it hopes will make navigation of the division's website easier for its users. The division plans to divide its current website - www.cesd73.ca - into an external facing website for parents, job seekers and community members, and an internal facing intranet site for staff. School websites will not be impacted by this project.

"Our priority is to ensure simple navigation for people who visit the website, while also maintaining transparency," says Jason Drent, Associate Superintendent of Learning Services. "We want to strengthen our website so it grows as a reliable source of accurate information, and as a place where people can get a sense of the Chinook's Edge culture."

The project started late last week with surveys for parents, that will be advertised through school newsletters, school councils, and on social media. Also, there is a survey for staff that can be accessed here:

[Staff survey](#)

Staff are encouraged to complete both the parent and staff survey if they have children attending Chinook's Edge schools.

Both surveys close October 2, 2023. After that, the division's matters committees (Teachers Matter, Support Staff Matter and Parents Matter) will be asked for additional feedback. The feedback will be used during meetings with the web provider, Rally, as a refresh of the division's website is designed.

Chinook's Edge anticipates launching the updated external website and staff intranet in the spring of 2024.

