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"That each of us will be life long learners"

Press Release

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Resignation of Kelly Barkman, Superintendent & CEO

To The Members of the Red River Valley Team:

On July 1, 2003, my first day as Superintendent & CEO, I wrote the following words on our webpage

Welcome to Red River Valley! I am honoured to be in a position to serve the students, team members, parents, and community members of our evolving community of learners. From its birth on July 18, 2002, the people of Red River Valley have endeavoured to provide the very best in public education

Almost nine years later and all my dreams of the work we could begin in Red River Valley have come true. You and I are not perfect - but we are learning, we do care, and we are making a difference. For me, the past nine years are all I could want in a job, challenges and all. I have had the opportunity to team and be creative, to say 'let's do different things', and to be a player in something 'new' - a school division where we continue to be in the process, unfinished as it might be, of building an incredible organization that serves kids and nourishes adults.

I have written many letters, notes and emails to the Red River Valley team over the past almost nine years. Writing this one has been a particular challenge.

Effective February 1, 2012, I will be leaving my position of Superintendent & CEO of The Red River Valley School Division to serve as Superintendent & CEO with The River East Transcona School Division in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

This is not goodbye, you are stuck with me for another few months and I will not be letting up on the work we have begun. After that time, I have every faith that the Board and The Red River Valley team will continue to *provide nothing less than outstanding learning opportunities*, well beyond that which we can currently imagine.

Sincerely,

Kelly Barkman