



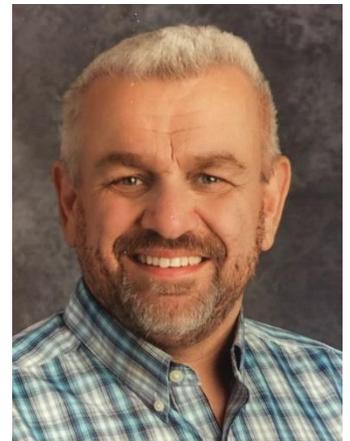
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Re: YK1's Jeff Seabrook named one of "Canada's Outstanding Principals"

Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1) is thrilled to announce that Jeff Seabrook, principal of École William McDonald Middle School, has been named one of the country's top principals. Mr. Seabrook is one of 30 exceptional educators to be recognized as one of "Canada's Outstanding Principals" by the Learning Partnership this year.

Now in its 15th year, this program recognizes the unique and vital contributions of principals in publicly funded schools. The 30 principals, nominated by parents, colleagues and community members, and chosen by a national selection committee, are being celebrated for demonstrating innovation, leadership and creativity in finding solutions and opportunities within their school communities.

Mr. Seabrook has taught across the curriculum since joining YK1 25 years ago in 1994. In that time, he's taught chemistry and science at the high school level and social studies, language arts, math, science, health, physical education, industrial arts and outdoor education at the middle school level.



An avid supporter of the middle school philosophy, Mr. Seabrook has helped to create a dynamic program offering at École William McDonald Middle School, thus driving enrollment at the school. As the school's principal since 2015, he's actively pursued and promoted alternative programming, experiential and culturally responsive activities like Camp Akaitcho and a Morning Wake-Up program to get students energized for the day. Mr. Seabrook values trust and respect in his school, and maintains an excellent rapport with students, families and his school's Parent Advisory Committee.

"I am very humbled by the nomination from Yellowknife Education District No. 1 and the subsequent selection as an Outstanding Principal from the Learning Partnership," said Mr. Seabrook. "This award by no means represents the work of one single individual, but the collective efforts and collaboration of a group of educators, and a community, who have believed in a culture of change within our school."

“I want to thank the staff, students and the parents of École William McDonald Middle School for making this award a possibility. The Learning Partnership has a long list of exemplary principals from across Canada and I am proud and honoured to join them in being recognized for this special award.”

Superintendent Metro Huculak added: “I am proud of Jeff’s achievements in supporting and implementing programs for students to meet their learning needs. He is an exemplary leader with YK1.”

All 30 recipients will join the ranks of the National Academy of Canada’s Outstanding Principals, which now has more than 500 members. They’ll also be recognized for their accomplishments at an awards gala and executive training program in Toronto on February 26, 2019.

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