



GONZAGA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Ms. Faulkner to Retire from GMS this Year.

After 8 years of outstanding service as Gonzaga Middle School's founding Student and Graduate Support Director, Ms. Siobhan Faulkner, will be retiring at the end of the current school year. In her time at GMS, she has been instrumental in helping to support the needs of students, graduates and families through GMS's extensive Student and Graduate Support Program that she helped establish.

While walking shoulder-to-shoulder with families in supporting the education of GMS students and graduates, Ms. Faulkner has facilitated the development of a strength-based, trauma-informed approach to teaching and learning at GMS. She has also helped to guide and support GMS's actions with respect to our commitment to reconciliation, Treaty Education, and establishing authentic relationships in the community with Indigenous elders, knowledge keepers and community groups. Her passion and commitment as a teacher, to reconciliation efforts, and for supporting students, graduates and families has been truly remarkable.

Over the course of her entire career, and most certainly in her time at GMS, she has helped to influence and had a positive impact on the lives of countless students and graduates. We will celebrate her exceptional contribution to GMS at a community event later in the Spring – stay tuned for details.

It goes without saying, it will be hard to find someone to fill her shoes at GMS, but over the next several weeks, we do hope to find a person who can build on Ms. Faulkner's legacy of care and support for students, graduates, and families at GMS while leading the Student and Graduate Support program into the future as we begin the next school year.

Thank you to Ms. Faulkner for her great contribution to GMS over the years and best wishes in her retirement.

Sincerely,

Tom Lussier
Executive Director

