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Rivendell Academy Appoints Interim Principal to Lead during Transition Period

Rivendell Interstate School District welcomes Jennifer Botzjoorns as part-time Interim Principal for Rivendell Academy for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Botzjoorns brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to education. With a career spanning over twenty-five years in education, she is well-positioned to guide the school through this transition period. She has a proven history of fostering positive learning environments, promoting academic excellence, and building strong relationships with students, staff, and families.

Ms. Botzjoorns received her undergraduate degree at Dartmouth College, and post-graduate degrees from the University of Vermont and University of Pennsylvania. In 2023 she left her professional work for a gap year and was able to write, create art, and recharge.

In accepting this role, Ms. Botzjoorns expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to serve the Rivendell community. “I have driven by Rivendell Academy on many occasions and have always been impressed by the facility.” She added, “When you enter the school building, the young people are energetic and upbeat. The vibrancy, quality and commitment to the arts, creativity, project-based learning, and academics at Rivendell is clearly visible. The opportunities and relationships in Rivendell’s small community provide the skills to navigate our world. I look forward to serving the community.”

We have full confidence in Ms. Botzjoorns’ ability to provide strong leadership at Rivendell Academy during this transitional phase. She will work closely with faculty, staff, students, parents, and the broader community to ensure continuity and stability while the search for a permanent principal is underway.

In her free time, Ms. Botzjoorns enjoys the outdoors, hiking, gardening, and woodworking. She lives near St. Johnsbury, Vermont with her family, chickens, and dog.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Ms. Botzjoorns as she assumes the role of Interim Principal at Rivendell Academy.

Thank You,

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