



Area 2 Office

Buchanan School

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Dear W.O. Mitchell School Community,

We would like to share that Principal Erick Noriega has accepted a new position within the Calgary Board of Education, effective Monday, September 8th, 2025. We thank Mr. Noriega for his leadership and dedication to W.O. Mitchell School, and we wish him all the best in his new role.

As we begin the process of selecting a new Principal, the Area Office invites you to follow the link below to a survey designed to gather your input. The Calgary Board of Education welcomes feedback from parents, students and staff regarding the programming and leadership attributes you value in our school Principals. Your input will be shared directly with the successful candidate to inform their entry plan into W.O. Mitchell School. [Principal Survey W.O. Mitchell School](#)

In the interim, we are pleased to welcome retired Principal Lucie Lejeune, who will be serving as Acting Principal. Ms. Lejeune brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to student success, and we are confident she will provide steady leadership during this transition.

Please see below for a message from Sr. Noriega. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Warm regards,

Martine Sawatzky

Education Director, Area 2 & Languages

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Queridas familias,

Saying goodbye is never easy, and this is especially true today. After much thought and deliberation, I have decided to accept a new opportunity as a Principal Consultant for Languages with the Teacher Staffing and Recruitment team, which means I will be stepping away from my role as your Principal. W.O. Mitchell School has been so much more than just a workplace to me; it has been a family. From my morning greetings at the curb, to celebrating our students' many accomplishments, I have cherished every moment of watching our community and our students grow, learn, and become the amazing people they are meant to be. What I will miss most are the everyday connections — the laughter in the hallways, the teamwork of our amazing staff, and the care and support from families who make this school such a special place. I am incredibly grateful for the care and trust you have shown me, and I will carry the memories we have made together wherever I go. Please know that my heart will always cheer for each of you and the bright future that lies ahead.

With gratitude,

Sr. Noriega