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ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

The Abbotsford School District is governed by an elected seven-person Board of Education. Board members serve as School Trustees and are responsible for the education of over 20,000 students in our community. School Trustees sit on a number of school district and community committees, and act as liaisons to specific schools in the district.



Stan Petersen

Chair
Board of Education

Years with the district:
35 years as a Teacher/Administrator and 15 years as a Trustee

What is your unofficial superpower?
I am a SUPER grampa!!!

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Anything family

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Working with one of my grandkids on one of their hobbies



Shirley Wilson

Vice Chair
Board of Education

Years with the district: 20

What is your unofficial superpower?
Reading upside down

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
On the sofa with my dog and my best husband, a glass of wine, and an episode of "Escape to the Country"

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Play piano



Arsh Kaler

Trustee
Board of Education

Years with the district:
13 as a student, 1 as a volunteer, 3 as staff on contract and 1 as a trustee :)

What is your unofficial superpower?
Operationalizing ideas at speed

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
My reset is time in my backyard gazebo, plants, fresh air, and peaceful views

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Gardening and landscaping, building a peaceful outdoor space to unwind



Rupi Kanda-Rajwan

Trustee
Board of Education

Years with the district: 4

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can take a power nap for 15 minutes anywhere or anytime. I set my timer and I'm asleep and wake up feeling well rested

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
When we get home, I sit in my car after a long day to reset. I wait a few minutes while all the kids settle in the house then I come inside

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would be an artist, with a big canvas and lots of paint



Preet Rai

Trustee
Board of Education

Years with the district: 18

What is your unofficial superpower?
James Bond

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Relax in front of TV

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Read my National Geographic collection



Mike Rauch

Trustee
Board of Education

Years with the district: 4

What is your unofficial superpower?
I am able to leap tall buildings in a single bound

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
I like to get out on the trails with my mountain bike

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Acoustic Guitar



Jared White

Trustee
Board of Education

Jared White was appointed to the Board of Education in October 2022, for the 2022-2026 term.

Note: *The Board of Education profiles included in this publication reflect the elected trustees serving at the time of publication. Following the General Local Election on October 17, 2026, this section will be updated to reflect the newly elected Board of Education.*



SENIOR LEADERSHIP

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

The Senior Leadership team provides the vision, direction, and leadership that help shape the future of our district. By overseeing district operations and making strategic decisions, they ensure schools are supported with the resources and opportunities needed to thrive. Their commitment to excellence, innovation, and student success helps drive continuous improvement across the organization.



Years with the district: 31

What is your unofficial superpower?
Long, lazy weekend mornings

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Playing in my flower garden

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would love to learn to sail

Lisa Burdeyny

Assistant Superintendent
School Board Office



Years with the district: 3

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can juggle

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Bike ride!

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Sailing

Bruce Cunnings

Assistant Superintendent
School Board Office



Years with the district: 2

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can make you smile. Promise.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walking. Chocolate. Or watching baseball

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
How to properly grow vegetables (instead of just randomly placing them in the garden and hoping for the best)

Kristi Ferguson

Senior Manager,
Communications & Community Relations
School Board Office



Greg Forbes-King

Director, Facilities & Transportation Services
Facilities

Years with the district: 2.5

What is your unofficial superpower?
Innovation

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Yard

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Cross-country running



Michelle Gehring

Director of Instruction, LSS
CORE

Years with the district: 20

What is your unofficial superpower?
Standside Hockey Mom Vision - I can watch the game from the bleachers and instantly know what the correct call should have been, who actually caused the penalty, and when a whistle is coming before it happens. Fluent in hockey, snacks, and silent judgment.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Curling up on the couch with a book and my French bulldogs.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
My hobby would be rest - no plans, no goals, just an extra hour to recharge.



Adrianne Harley

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
School Board Office

Years with the district: 14

What is your unofficial superpower?
Ad hoc problem solving

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
My cats

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Cross stitch, knitting, paddle boarding, painting... hard to pick just one



Years with the district: 9

What is your unofficial superpower?
Professional over-enthusiasm for good templates and better questions

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walking one of my three dogs

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Read more fiction and knit more sweaters

Tracy Krys

Director of Instruction, Curriculum
CORE



Years with the district: Almost 3

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can deftly navigate chaotic airports/train/subway stations (exclusions apply, results may vary in any North American or European country)

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Gardening and cuddling with the dogs

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Pickleball

Trish La Framboise-Lo

Associate Superintendent,
Human Resources
School Board Office



Years with the district: 9

What is your unofficial superpower?
To fix things...small appliances, drywall, etc.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
To get outside and be in nature.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
A cook.

Nathan Ngieng

Superintendent / CEO
School Board Office



Years with the district: 1

What is your unofficial superpower?
Sarcasm

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Playing guitar

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Cooking

Pete Nuij

Deputy Superintendent
School Board Office



Years with the district: 4

What is your unofficial superpower?
Reading minds

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Garden

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Improving piano skills

Monica Schulte

Secretary-Treasurer
School Board Office



Years with the district:
First year (in this role). Three years in a previous role.

What is your unofficial superpower?
Ice water runs through my veins.

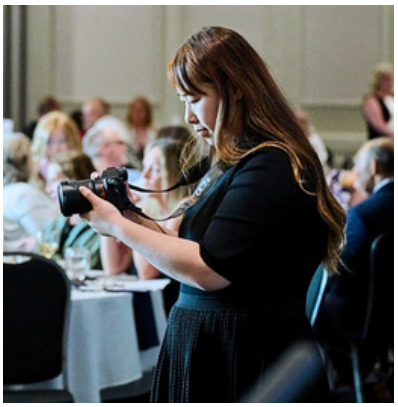
What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Listening to an audiobook.

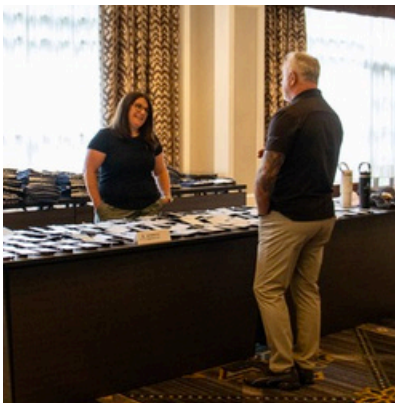
What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Tying flies (for fishing).

Steve Stobbe

Director, Information Technology
ITC









OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Our Operations Management team plays a critical role in supporting the day-to-day operations of the district. From facilities and transportation to technology and safety, they ensure our schools are efficient, well-maintained, and equipped to meet the needs of students and staff. Their expertise, dedication, and behind-the-scenes efforts help create the strong foundation that enables learning and success across our district.



Years with the district: 3 years and 7 months

What is your unofficial superpower?
Turning any random curiosity—like why the shopping cart always has one rebellious wheel—into a full-blown investigation.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Driving a winding forest road

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Building LEGO spacecrafts

Walid Alieldin

Systems Administrator
CORE



Years with the district: 7

What is your unofficial superpower?
Finding humour in most situations.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Connecting with the family at dinner and talking about our days.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would love to learn how to crochet but I get too distracted.

Pam Alzona

Manager, Financial Services
School Board Office



Years with the district: 6

What is your unofficial superpower?
My memory

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of day?
Reading

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Expanding my garden

Chelsea Andrew

Acting HR Manager
School Board Office



Marlee Bassani

Communications Coordinator
School Board Office

Years with the district: 11

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can find a crooked picture frame, and the slightly off-centre logo in record time. Whether that's a superpower or a personality trait is still up for debate.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Climbing into bed with my Kobo and getting lost in a good book.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Photography. Given how much content I already capture on my phone, from family and work to everyday life, it seems only natural that I elevate my skills.



Kathryn Bekkering

Manager, Human Resources
School Board Office

Years with the district: 9

What is your unofficial superpower?
Not blessed with any extraordinary talents

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Sit in a garden and smell flowers

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Gardening



Laura Lee Billing

Manager
Abbotsford Arts Centre

Years with the district: 21

What is your unofficial superpower?
Patience.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Sit, reflect, recover.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Carving with a chainsaw.



Years with the district: 24

What is your unofficial superpower?
Positivity

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Cooking

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Photography

Elizabeth Cho-Frede

Senior Manager, International Program
School Board Office



Years with the district: 5

What is your unofficial superpower?
Powered by snacks sustained by awkward conversations

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Relaxing on the couch, walks, and time with friends

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I think that I would take up doing some yard work and gardening as I tend to put it off and it shows

Brian Davies

Manager, Human Resources
School Board Office



Years with the district: 15.5

What is your unofficial superpower?
The ability to figure it out and get it done

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Coming home to my boys (dogs) and family

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Learn to play the bagpipes

Derrin Demaer

Manager, Purchasing
School Board Office



Years with the district: 1.5 years

What is your unofficial superpower?
Patience

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Conversations with family over dinner

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Reading

Rino Di Antonio

Manager, Structural and Grounds
Facilities



Years with the district: 13

What is your unofficial superpower?
Perseverance

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
This year it's learning to play guitar...

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Golf

Justin Edwards

Senior Manager,
Capital Planning and Projects
Facilities



Years with the district: 8

What is your unofficial superpower?
Don't really have one

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Spend time with my family and dog

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Napping

Nathan Eunson

Manager, IT Security & Compliance
ITC



Years with the district: 5

What is your unofficial superpower?
Excelling in Excel!

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Unwinding on the patio with crochet or a good book.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Making more sourdough. It takes patience but it's worth it!

Joelle Fraser

Manager,
Financial Services - Accounting
School Board Office



Years with the district: 14

What is your unofficial superpower?
According to a colleague it is "clarity and explaining things to people when they don't understand"

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A quiet reset. Might be a night on the deck or in front of the fire depending on the season.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Photography

Shelly Frost

Senior Manager,
Budget & Student Demographics
School Board Office



Years with the district: 4.5

What is your unofficial superpower?
To lean into uncomfortable situations

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A nice walk around some local trails or down by the Vedder River

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Increase my cooking skills

Stacey Hagkull

Senior Manager, Human Resources
School Board Office



Years with the district: 24

What is your unofficial superpower?
Vacation planning

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Planning Vacations

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Some sort of side hustle maybe .....to pay for all the vacations I plan!

Jacqui Hall

District Principal, Human Resources
School Board Office



Years with the district: 7

What is your unofficial superpower?
I like to think my unofficial superpower is boosting morale by making people laugh, keeping things light, and creating a positive atmosphere.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A comfy outfit, good food, and a little family chaos.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Chasing steps, fresh air, and a little peace before returning to the beautiful chaos.

Jaspreet Kahlon

Human Resources Advisor
School Board Office



Years with the district: 3

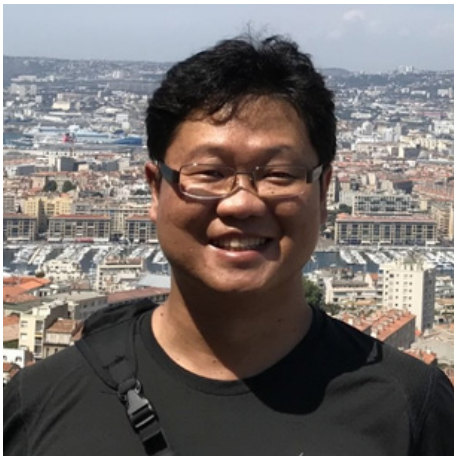
What is your unofficial superpower?
Culinary intuition. I can look at a near-empty fridge, channel my inner chef, and somehow turn random ingredients into a delicious new dish.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of day?
Slipping on my walking shoes and heading outside. A quiet walk in nature is the perfect way to clear my mind and reset.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Diving into DIY crafting! I'd love to use that hour for stitching and creative upcycling projects.

Trip Kaur

IT Specialist
ITC



Years with the district: 20

What is your unofficial superpower?
Vibe coding

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Watching K-Drama

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Hiking

Jun Kim

Systems Analyst/Programmer
CORE



Years with the district: 36

What is your unofficial superpower?
Adapting

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Driving range

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Re-gripping golf clubs

Albert Klade

Manager, Custodial Services
Facilities



Years with the district: 17

What is your unofficial superpower?
Natural at almost every sport!

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Music on the way home and a quick shower

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Golf (kind of already do...but more professional training)

Jeff Klassen

Manager, Electrical
Facilities



Years with the district: 4

What is your unofficial superpower?
Extreme grammar criticism

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Playing silly iPad games with my kids

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
High performance napping

Robert Kroeker

Manager, IT
ITC



Years with the district: 20

What is your unofficial superpower?
Reading between the lines.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Spending time with my family.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Calligraphy.

Julie Lehner

Manager, Payroll
School Board Office



Years with the district: 2

What is your unofficial superpower?
Being really good at Google searches. Does that count?

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A cuppa tea

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Make a travel blog

Mona Liu

Communications Advisor
School Board Office



Years with the district: 3

The Feeding Futures Coordinator leads the district's school food programs, working with schools and community partners to ensure students have equitable access to nutritious meals and food supports that promote wellbeing, attendance, and academic success.

Janet Loewen

Feeding Futures Coordinator
CORE



Years with the district: 16

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walking my grand-dog.

Rose Mann

Homestay Coordinator, International Program
School Board Office



Years with the district: 2

What is your unofficial superpower?
I always have candy in my purse

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Getting outside and walking

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Learn how to bake bread

Becca Marais

Executive Assistant
School Board Office



Years with the district: Many.

What is your unofficial superpower?
Looking/Finding Information when others gave up.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Checking out what's changed in the garden, picking a few peas or a carrot, cutting some flowers.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Activities with my grandkids.

Cheryl McLeod

Executive Assistant
School Board Office



Years with the district: 2

What is your unofficial superpower?
Knowing all the latest pop-culture gossip!

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Oxygen Yoga work-out class

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Pickleball

Danielle Molina

Executive Assistant
School Board Office



Years with the district: 4

What is your unofficial superpower?
Enduring long hours of Type 2 fun on my road bike (hard now, great later).

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Cycling

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
More cycling.

Kate Muir

Senior Manager, Human Resources
School Board Office



Lisa Musto

Human Resources Advisor
School Board Office

Years with the district: 7+ years, with experience in schools and departments throughout the district.

What is your unofficial superpower?
Knowing that you can accomplish anything that you set your mind to. I completed the Ironman Triathlon many years ago (1993) and learned through that experience that you can accomplish anything you set your mind to.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A good workout, could be a spin class, strength workout with weights or yoga.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
To surf more. I love surfing with my family and would love to spend more time in the water.



Mani Nijjer

Human Resources Coordinator
School Board Office

Years with the district: 1

What is your unofficial superpower?
Keeping people, processes, and paperwork on track.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Switching from HR mode to home mode with a good meal and family time.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would spend it exploring new places, learning new things, and making more time for the little things I enjoy.



Brenda Noda

Manager, Facilities Operations
Facilities

Years with the district: 1.5 years

What is your unofficial superpower?
Problem solver by day, over-planner by night.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Learning crochet. Allegedly relaxing.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I research hobbies with great enthusiasm and zero follow through.



Years with the district: 1.5 years

What is your unofficial superpower?
Fabulous Mimi

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Sleep

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Sewing

Tracey O'Hara

Manager, Transportation
Facilities



Years with the district: 7

What is your unofficial superpower?
Separating facts from fluff

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Get a workout in.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Play a sport (basketball, hockey, football, tennis, etc.)

Manveer Phagura

Senior Manager,
Organizational Health & Safety
School Board Office



Years with the district: 2

What is your unofficial superpower?
Strength

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Relaxing on the patio.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Hiking

Aaron Portman

Manager, Mechanical
Facilities



Years with the district: 12 as an employee plus 8 as a contractor

What is your unofficial superpower?
Jet lag recovery

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
5k hike through local trails

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Woodwork

Dave Ryder

Manager, Student Recruitment
School Board Office



Years with the district: 1 year! Just finished my rookie season.

What is your unofficial superpower?
I have a sixth sense for when someone says 'quick meeting' and it won't be.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walking my dog, teaching jujitsu class and watching sports!

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Skateboarding

Amar Samra

Manager, Health and Safety
School Board Office



Years with the district: 19

What is your unofficial superpower?
Bringing people together for a cause

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Hanging with my dog Morgan

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Fashion

Andrea Senft

Manager, Childcare & Early Learning
School Board Office



Years with the district: 11

What is your unofficial superpower?
Knowing when it's appropriate to procrastinate!

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Sometimes I enjoy a quiet drive home, blasting music depending on my mood, or talking to my kids on the way home!

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Learn French!

Corissa St.George

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
School Board Office



Years with the district: Less than 1

What is your unofficial superpower?
Ultimate finder.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Running or meditation.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Mobility training.

Sookie Stead

Executive Assistant
School Board Office



Years with the district: 5

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can legally drive anything with wheels (except a plane)

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Exercise

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Fishing

Patrick Taylor

Senior Manager, IT Infrastructure
ITC



Years with the district: 2

What is your unofficial superpower?
Creating order out of chaos.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Going for a walk and getting some fresh air.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Sewing.

Melissa Thomson

Human Resources Advisor
School Board Office



Years with the district: 23 years

What is your unofficial superpower?
Recognizing the unique strengths in other people.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
I listen to music and spend some quiet time.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I'd love to master crochet.

Rebecca Yeam

International Program Coordinator
School Board Office



DISTRICT PVP'S

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

The District PVPs (Principals and Vice Principals) features the dedicated leaders who are at the forefront of educational leadership. Their leadership is essential to fostering academic achievement and personal development for every student in our district.



Years with the district: 24

What is your unofficial superpower?
Random sports and music trivia from the 90's.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Either getting outside in the sunshine, or binge-watching shows on one of several streaming services.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Some day I'd like to actually get good at golf.

Jamie Beck

District Principal, Curriculum
CORE



Years with the district: 20

What is your unofficial superpower?
Napping

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Sauna

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Fly fishing

David de Wit

District Principal, Safe Schools
CORE



Years with the district: 9

What is your unofficial superpower?
Bringing people together

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Being outdoors

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Bird watching

Allison Gardner

District Principal, Indigenous Education
Mamele'awt Indigenous Education Centre



Years with the district: 15

What is your unofficial superpower?
Making things from scratch.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Trail run.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Canning and preserving food.

Taryn MacDonald

Acting District Vice-Principal, Indigenous Education
Mamele'awt Indigenous Education Centre



Years with the district: 29

What is your unofficial superpower?
Red Seal Carpenter

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Long Walks by the river!

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Woodworking

Michael Pearson

District Vice-Principal, Career Programs
CORE



Years with the district: 18 - I think

What is your unofficial superpower?
Telling my husband what to do and ensuring he follows through with it :)

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Grounding myself in my garden

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
The art of napping, or research on how to gain two extra hours a day.

Lynette Power

District Principal,
Language & Settlement Services
CORE



Years with the district: 7

What is your unofficial superpower?
Staying calm in the chaos, and reading the room.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A run, spin class, or workout.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
A workout - spin class, run, lifting weights, or a hike.

Galen Soon

District Principal,
Learning Support Services
CORE



Years with the district: 29 years

What is your unofficial superpower?
I always get back up!

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Nachos

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Learning Spanish

Tom van Hunenstijn

District Principal,
Digital Learning and Innovation
CORE









ELEMENTARY LEVEL

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR



Paul Allanson

Principal
Prince Charles Elementary

Years with the district: 2

What is your unofficial superpower?
Resolving playground disputes, especially during close football games or intense rounds of Manhunt, where everyone is absolutely certain they are right.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Gardening, the gym or golfing, but gardening usually wins out. It's a calm, grounding way to unwind without needing much energy, allowing me to slow down and clear my head while still feeling quietly productive.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Learning a new language.



Tyler Baruta

Principal
Godson Elementary

Years with the district: 20

What is your unofficial superpower?
Irritating my wife

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Cycling or running

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Gardening



Janet Bauer

Vice Principal
John Maclure Community School

Years with the district: 14

What is your unofficial superpower?
I do my best editing after hitting send

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Cup of hot tea

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Crafting



Years with the district: 21

What is your unofficial superpower?
Shopping and finding great sales!

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Changing into comfy clothes and going for a walk outside

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Finding great new recipes and cooking decadent dinners each night!

Janet Beattie

Vice Principal
Sandy Hill Elementary



Years with the district: 19

What is your unofficial superpower?
Captain "We've Got This!"

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Being outdoors with my dogs.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would spend more time reading and learning how to crochet.

Jennifer Bennato

Principal
Ten-Broeck Elementary



Years with the district: 21

What is your unofficial superpower?
Highly adaptable to changing plans, broken plans and no plans

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Watching an episode of 'The Office' for the umpteenth time while drinking cold coffee

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
*P*addle boarding

Debbie Chenier

Principal
Jackson Elementary



Years with the district: 18

What is your unofficial superpower?
Adaptability

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walking the dog!

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Hiking

Sergio Chiappetta

Vice Principal
Clearbrook Elementary



Years with the district: 26

What is your unofficial superpower?
Building relationships with silly crafts

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Home

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Graphic Design - Canva

Fay Christie

Principal
King Traditional Elementary



Years with the district: 20

What is your unofficial superpower?
Remembering song lyrics from the 90s, but forgetting people's names I just met

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Throwing the ball for my dog in the backyard and gardening.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
More hockey or exercise

Nicolas Cochrane

Principal
Máthxwi Elementary School



Years with the district: 28

What is your unofficial superpower?
My memory when it comes to "useless knowledge". ex. Jersey numbers, sports facts, movie scripts, and select trivia.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Nap: 15-20 minutes is perfect.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Acting

Ryan Colbert

Principal
Harry Sayers Elementary



Years with the district: 21

What is your unofficial superpower?
Sleeping through 4 separate alarms every morning, with each alarm going off every 8 minutes as I gracefully hit snooze, while still dreaming.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Schnoodle cuddles, and family time.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
If I had one extra hour a day, I think I would add it onto the morning so that I could sleep in.

Wendy Costello

Vice Principal
Alexander Elementary



Years with the district: 9

What is your unofficial superpower?
My family says my superpower is that I can always find things that are lost.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
My go-to resets are to attend a candle lit deep relaxation yoga class or play a slo-pitch game. It depends on the time of year.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would like to start bike riding regularly.

Chelsea Elliott

Principal
Semá:th Elementary



Years with the district: 9

What is your unofficial superpower?
Optimism - Always seeing the positive in a situation

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walk with my dog, Miko.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Swimming

Victoria Fehr

Vice Principal
Margaret Stenersen Elementary



Years with the district:
I'm here for a good time not a long time.

What is your unofficial superpower?
Maintaining the same maturity level as my Kinders

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Action Movies

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Fighter Pilot Training.

Joe Frew

Principal
Ross Elementary



Years with the district: 25

What is your unofficial superpower?
Decluttering (often ruthlessly!)

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
I actually start my day with a reset from the day before by swimming first thing. It gives me a chance to debrief all the happenings of a busy day and to be mindful and ready for a new day ahead.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Gardening.

Colleen Gregory

Vice Principal
Terry Fox Elementary



Years with the district: 25

What is your unofficial superpower?
Shopping

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walking my dog

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Yoga

Michelle Groves

Principal
Barrowtown Elementary



Years with the district: 19

What is your unofficial superpower?
The ability to ruin my child's entire day (or life) with one look.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A long walk or a glass of wine

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would spend more time hiking/ walking in the mountains

Anita Heitz

Principal
Mountain Elementary



Years with the district: unsure, at least 10

What is your unofficial superpower?
My unofficial superpower is turning data and busy schedules into something that actually makes sense—spotting patterns quickly and keeping everything (and everyone) on track without breaking a sweat.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A good book and a walk with the dogs—both help me unplug, slow down, and reset after a full day.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would likely pick up a Pilates or yoga class.

Andrea Hoeving

Vice Principal
Harry Sayers Elementary



Years with the district: 20.5

What is your unofficial superpower?
Appearing calm when I am most decidedly not.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
First run, then wine.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Reading for pleasure more!

Erica Hopkins

Principal
École Clearbrook Elementary



Years with the district: 15

What is your unofficial superpower?
The power to help people feel calm and safe.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Spend time with my wife and two cats. Doesn't matter what we do, as long as we are together!

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Write children's books: based on holistic values.

Tyler Horner

Principal
Auguston Traditional Elementary



Years with the district: 9

What is your unofficial superpower?
Super sonic hearing!?

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Time in the forest...or a glass of wine. It's a toss up. Truly.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I'd take time to actually learn about what I'm planting in the garden - right now work off of the "it looks pretty" philosophy!

Shannon Kenney

Principal
Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary



Years with the district: 25

What is your unofficial superpower?
Making costumes that look real along with being able to be in disguise.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Yoga, fitness class, and painting

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Gemstone dealer or antique collector

Maralee Lincoln

Principal
Mt. Lehman Elementary



Years with the district: 7

What is your unofficial superpower?
Patience

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Workout and kids' cuddles

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Yoga

Victoria Lorieau

Principal
Dr. Roberta Bondar Elementary



Years with the district: (10+9)= 19..I think

What is your unofficial superpower?
Growing 2lb tomatoes

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Digging in the soil

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Cheese making

Lee Magis

Principal
Margaret Stenersen Elementary



Years with the district: 3.5

What is your unofficial superpower?
Lightning Speed

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Cuddling up and watch a movie with my kids

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Golf

Gurp Mahil

Principal
ASIA - North Poplar Campus



Years with the district: 15

What is your unofficial superpower?
Scheduling and other puzzle-solving types of thinking.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Time with family.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Cooking/baking classes

Shannon Manky

Principal
South Poplar Traditional Elementary



Years with the district: 25

What is your unofficial superpower?
"Politely Passionate" (to quote a friend).

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Baths & Naps. Winning combo.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Oenology.

Suzi McClelland

Acting Principal
Bradner Elementary



Reena Nahal

Principal
Irene Kelleher Totí:ltawtxw

Years with the district: 19

What is your unofficial superpower?
I'm calm amongst the storm!

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
At the end of a demanding day, I reset by swimming and spending time with my children. These moments help me recharge and stay grounded.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
With one extra hour in the day, I would return to painting, a hobby that allows me to be creative and present in a different way.



Manveet Neger

Vice Principal
Godson Elementary

Years with the district:
12 as a teacher. 1 year as administrator.

What is your unofficial superpower?
Strong stamina for high endurance cardio.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
My go-to reset at the end of a busy day is some quiet time with coffee/tea!

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
If I had an extra hour a day, I would pursue a Culinary Arts course!



Scott Peters

Principal
Blue Jay Elementary

Years with the district: 32

What is your unofficial superpower?
Interpreting Vague Emails like: "Do you have a minute?" (You know it's never a minute)

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Gym time, phone on silent

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Fly tying



Years with the district: 13 years

What is your unofficial superpower?
Organization

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Quiet alone time, preferably in nature

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Playing piano

Kari Petzold

Principal
Terry Fox Elementary



Years with the district: 8

What is your unofficial superpower?
I get my best ideas while I'm asleep.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walking the dog really helps me to reflect on my day and reconnect with nature.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Floral design

Sharon Phillips

Vice Principal
McMillan Elementary



Years with the district: 19

What is your unofficial superpower?
Bagel baker

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walking in nature

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Watercolor painting

Shelley Portas

Principal
École Sandy Hill Elementary



Years with the district: 15

What is your unofficial superpower?
Remembering names

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Gym/workout

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Golf

Bal Sekhon

Principal
Dave Kandal Elementary



Years with the district: 4

What is your unofficial superpower?
Finding the silver lining in any situation...always putting a positive spin and perspective on things😊

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Playing loud 70s, 80s, and 90s music and singing along all the way home!

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I'd use my pottery wheel and get to it – creating cool pieces is amazing fun:)

Kris Sward

Principal
John Maclure Community School



Years with the district: 15

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can survive playground duty, angry parents, and international airports with equal composure.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walking outside, setting up my easel, and painting in order to remember that the world is bigger than my inbox.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Definitely more plein air painting. One extra hour of daylight is basically priceless...especially if it is Golden Hour!

Shannon Thiesen

Vice Principal
Blue Jay Elementary



Years with the district: 2.5

What is your unofficial superpower?
Chip eater extraordinaire

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Chips

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Playing a funky 1970"s bass guitar

Dennis Tjernagel

Principal
McMillan Elementary



Years with the district: 12

What is your unofficial superpower?
SQUIRREL!

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Hanging out with my dog, snuggles on the couch while watching TV.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would pursue nature photography and processing / printing my own photos the old school way in a dark room!

Melanie Trudeau

Principal
École Centennial Park Elementary



Years with the district: 25

What is your unofficial superpower?
I have a super sensitive sniffer. It really stinks sometimes.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Playing the NYT games (wordle, crossplay, mini, midi, connections) watching Survivor.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I'd like to try pottery or learn guitar

Karen Van Egmond

Acting Vice Principal
Ten-Broeck Elementary



Years with the district: Finishing my 4th year in Abbotsford

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can't think of one.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Going for a ride

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Soap making or creating mosaics

Kristen Vogel

Principal
Alexander Elementary



Years with the district: 0

What is your unofficial superpower?
According to my wife, my unofficial superpower is completing a "small" home improvement project with only 4 or 5 trips to Home Depot.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Time with my family.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would join an adult soccer league or club.

Cordell Ware

Principal
Aberdeen Elementary



Years with the district: 27

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can express frustration using only creative, school-appropriate nonsense words.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Unwinding with some gloriously low-stakes reality TV or a home improvement show.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I'd invest that hour in sleep and call it self-care.

Andrea Wildeman

Principal
Dormick Park Elementary









MIDDLE LEVEL

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR



Sue Boucher

Principal
Chief Dan George Middle

Years with the district: 1

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can do complex beats using my own body as the drum😊 And I know a ton of group collaboration/warm up games, can pull them out in a second. Years of being a drama teacher!

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Chatting with my husband on our back porch

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Writing – one day I will – I would love to write a novel



Cameron Cal

Vice Principal
Abbotsford Middle

Years with the district: 11

What is your unofficial superpower?
Figuring out stuff that others would give up on

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Read something about new tech, visit with my family and dogs

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
If I had an extra hour a day and a workshop, I'd be building an electric car (it's only a matter of time!)



Suzanne Dallas

Vice Principal
Chief Dan George Middle

Years with the district: 10

What is your unofficial superpower?
Teaching pre-calc

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Enjoying time outside in the backyard.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would love to learn to crochet.



Years with the district: 3

What is your unofficial superpower?
My unofficial superpower is turning a sweet drive on the golf course into an 8 on the score card.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Throwing a baseball with my son and daughter. I mean that and a stiff bourbon.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would love to learn how to cook more exotic meals.

Shawn Davids

Principal
Colleen & Gordie Howe Middle



Years with the district: 8

What is your unofficial superpower?
Dealing with girl drama

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Blue cheese and red wine

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Yoga

Chayne den Ouden

Vice Principal
Abbotsford Middle



Years with the district: 34

What is your unofficial superpower?
Spontaneous puns lol

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Getting fresh air, smelling nature

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Collecting hockey cards or writing a novel

Reggie Gabriel

Principal
Clayburn Middle



Dean Johnston

Principal
Eugene Reimer Middle

Years with the district: 28

What is your unofficial superpower?
Turning complex situations into calm, clear next steps, especially during challenging or emotional moments.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A short walk or quiet time at home to mentally switch off and reset.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Spending more time outdoors—walking, hiking, or simply being active and present without a schedule.



Rebecca Kandal

Vice Principal
William A. Fraser Middle

Years with the district: 21

What is your unofficial superpower?
Opening middle school combination locks

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walk around the backyard barefoot on the grass (in almost all weather, except snow!)

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Learning an instrument (ukulele)



Graeme Kemp

Vice Principal
William A. Fraser Middle

Years with the district: 19

What is your unofficial superpower?
A quick Dad joke to ensure everyone in the room groans

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Organizing a room - it resets the physical and emotional space

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would visit every park in Abbotsford just to say that I have been to every park in Abbotsford!



Years with the district: 28

What is your unofficial superpower?
I am really good at cornhole

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walking the dog

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Fishing

Ian Levings

Principal
William A. Fraser Middle



Years with the district: 12

What is your unofficial superpower?
Trying to bring happiness to others

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Getting a quick run in and some exercise.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Golf.

Paul Luongo

Vice Principal
Clayburn Middle



Years with the district:
25 years as of September 2026

What is your unofficial superpower?
Organization

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Wordle then walking my dog.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Reading books (not just listening to audio books).

Michelle Myers

Vice Principal
Colleen & Gordie Howe Middle



Years with the district: 28

What is your unofficial superpower?
Getting fussy babies to sleep

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Laughter with our team

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Poker

Heather Reid

Principal
Abbotsford Middle



Years with the district: 10

What is your unofficial superpower?
One of my unofficial leadership superpowers is listening. By listening with intention and care, I build trust, strengthen relationships, and gain a deeper understanding of others' perspectives.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Going for a walk and spending time with my family.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Badminton

Rovi Sandhu

Vice Principal
Eugene Reimer Middle



Years with the district: 22

What is your unofficial superpower?
Heartwork

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Abby Grind Trails

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Archery

Nerlap Kaur Sidhu

Vice Principal
Eugene Reimer Middle



Elizabeth Smoes

Vice Principal
Clayburn Middle

Years with the district: 20

What is your unofficial superpower?
Staying calm and listening

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A good book (usually fiction)

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Crocheting more









SECONDARY LEVEL

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR



Years with the district: 17

What is your unofficial superpower?
Counting course blocks by 1/4s

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
SportsCenter

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Pickling veggies

Jennie Bell

Principal
Abbotsford Senior Secondary



Years with the district: Starting year 3

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can nap anywhere, anytime. Flights? No problem. Wait rooms? You betcha. Traffic jams? Absolutely. Conferences? I might be napping right now...

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Napping. Obviously.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Is napping a hobby? If not, it should be.

Katie Caines

Vice Principal
Abbotsford Senior Secondary



Years with the district: 8

What is your unofficial superpower?
Scrubbing surveillance video

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Spending time at the river or time with family

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Carpentry skills, I love building things.

Mandelyn Erikson

Vice Principal
Yale Secondary



Leanne Fleming

Vice Principal
Abbotsford Senior Secondary

Years with the district: 1.5

What is your unofficial superpower?
Having instant, flawless recall of every 90's hip-hop lyric (and most of the dance moves) while somehow being completely unable to remember where I parked my car, why I walked into a room, or what I should be doing right now.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Being somewhere near water... ideally a walk by the river.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I'd spend it wandering antique shops, thrift stores, or estate sales looking for hidden gems with "potential."



Baljeet Gill

Principal
W.J. Mouat Secondary

Years with the district: 13

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can drink liquid super fast

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Beer and Call of Duty: I go from solving real problems to yelling at a screen about completely meaningless ones. It's efficient.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would love to get into woodworking - right now its just limited to installing baseboards



Gurdish Grewal

Vice Principal
Rick Hansen Secondary

Years with the district: 17

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Workout

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Sports Activity



Years with the district: 18

What is your unofficial superpower?
Getting chocolate stains out of clothes?

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A gym workout

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Playing guitar!

Laura Hoeppner

Vice Principal
Bakerview Centre for Learning



Years with the district: 17

What is your unofficial superpower?
I can draw and paint

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Quality time with my family

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Painting

Alexandra (Ali) Klassen

Vice Principal
Robert Bateman Secondary



Years with the district: 2

What is your unofficial superpower?
My superpower is knowing the right poem for any occasion.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
My reset is having my children explain all the insane gifs they send to me during the day.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would learn how to cook.

Jennifer Koehler

Principal
Robert Bateman Secondary



Years with the district: 8

What is your unofficial superpower?
Parallel parking

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Watching tv or reading a book

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Painting

Victoria Kooner

Vice Principal
Rick Hansen Secondary



Years with the district: 10

What is your unofficial superpower?
"Proudly mediocre at a wide variety of things."

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Sauna or MTB or both!

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Sailing. "I'm sailing! I'm a sailor! I sail!"

James Maclaren

Vice Principal
W.J. Mouat Secondary



Years with the district: 29.5

What is your unofficial superpower?
I am the Queen of Sourdough!

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Gardening!

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Stained Glass!

Michelle Middleton

Principal
Bakerview Centre for Learning



Soraya Rajabally

Vice Principal
W.J. Mouat Secondary

Years with the district: 27

What is your unofficial superpower?
The Nespresso Oracle Superpower: Caffeinated foresight.
I take one sip and suddenly I can predict: exactly what ratio of coffee, snacks, sarcasm, and tactical kindness is required to revive a human spirit :-)

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Dog cuddles and a Nespresso of course!

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Body building..... BAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!



Michael Schmidt

Vice Principal
Abbotsford Senior Secondary

Years with the district: 11

What is your unofficial superpower?
Being able to notice any changes to houses, yards, or vehicles in my neighbourhood.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Going for a walk, bike ride, or pick-up basketball.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Curling.



Bo Sidhu

Vice Principal
W.J. Mouat Secondary

Years with the district: 24

What is your unofficial superpower?
To make staff feel at ease and be trusting.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Having a laugh with my admin team

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Golf



Years with the district: 34

What is your unofficial superpower?
Hearing all conversations at one time.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Reading

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Farming more

Paula Thompson

Vice Principal
Yale Secondary



Years with the district: 24

What is your unofficial superpower?
Time efficiency

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A meal with my family and a daily debrief in the hot tub

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
I would spend more time outside or reading

Becky Toews

Vice Principal
Robert Bateman Secondary



Years with the district: 24

What is your unofficial superpower?
Sleeping

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A Coke Zero and true crime podcasts

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
More time for outdoor activities

Jaimie Webster

Principal
Rick Hansen Secondary



Stan Wiebe

Principal

Yale Secondary

Years with the district: 24

What is your unofficial superpower?
I'm a decent chef

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Workout, sandwich, hot tub

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Playing guitar



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Years with the district: 18

What is your unofficial superpower?
I'm pretty sure I could manage a Cirque du Soleil show, especially if it was a bunch of cats.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Snuggles with my first grandbaby

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Engineering to create time travel so I could have more time in the day

Karen Bennett

Principal
ASIA - Sumas Mountain Campus



Years with the district: 25

What is your unofficial superpower?
Can wake up without an alarm clock

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Going for a walk

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Anything outdoors

Andrew Macphail

District Vice Principal
Abbotsford Virtual School



Years with the district: 3

What is your unofficial superpower?
Dog whisperer

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Walking my dog with a delicious cup of coffee.

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Scuba Diving

Joscelyn McAulay

Vice Principal
Abbotsford Traditional School



Years with the district: 4

What is your unofficial superpower?
A rolodex of names in my brain but I can't remember what I walked into a room for.

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Dance party with my kids

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Yoga

Ashley Mennear

Vice Principal
Abbotsford Traditional School



Years with the district: 20

What is your unofficial superpower?
Being authentic

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Debriefing with my husband

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Dancing

Tara Plantinga

District Principal
Abbotsford Virtual School



Years with the district: 8

What is your unofficial superpower?
Trip planning!

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
Any of the following: Spending time with family, going outside, listening to music, enjoying a yummy snack and tasty beverage!

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Music - Guitar & Singing

Brent Schroeder

Principal
Abbotsford Traditional School



Julie Wilms

Vice Principal

ASIA - Sumas Mountain Campus

Years with the district: 25

What's your go-to 'reset' at the end of a busy day?
A walk with my dog

What hobby would you pursue if you had one extra hour a day?
Trying new recipes