



Hillside Jr/Sr High School  
"A Caring Commitment to Learning"



Northern Gateway  
Public Schools

November 2, 2018

Dear Parents of 9C and 9B,

You may be aware that Ms. Gingell has resigned from her teaching position at Hillside effective today, Friday, November 2. As a result of this, there will be changes to the delivery of Social Studies 9 at Hillside effective Monday, November 5.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Larry Magnusson back to Hillside to replace Ms. Gingell. Mr. Magnusson is well-known to Hillside Jr/Sr High School having taught here for over 20 years. Since his retirement he has kept current in teaching through subbing at all of the schools in Valleyview and will be a familiar face to many of the students of the grade 9 classes.

While Mr. Magnusson is an effective and experienced teacher, we are going to be creating a team teaching position for the grade 9 Social Studies classes so that all students will have the benefit of instruction from a teacher with a specialization in Social Studies. This means that there will be times when all of the grade 9 students will be in one classroom receiving instruction from Ms. Prusko. During these times there will be 35 students in the classroom, but there will also be 2 teachers to ensure that we honour our commitment to smaller teacher to pupil ratios in our grade 9 classes. At other times, primarily during work blocks and exam periods, the classes will be split as they have been for the first two months of this school year.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Serediak at the school.

Yours truly,

Darlene Wood  
Principal