

A Welcome from the President

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2026-2028 President

New Beginnings

As I write my first back-to-school message as President of the BCPVPA, I find myself reflecting on a simple truth: once you have been a Principal, you are always a Principal. Whether we are in our schools, supporting colleagues across the province, or enjoying a rare moment away from work, we carry with us the mindset, values, and sense of responsibility that define educational leadership.

Nothing has driven home my new role and reality more than this observation: this year will mark the very first September since 1974 where I don't "belong" to some kind of BC school community. I have been a K-12 and UBC student, a teacher, and a Vice-Principal and Principal in elementary, secondary, middle, and junior high schools. I am beginning to understand that this new road that I have just begun to travel in our system is leading me to the theme of renewal.

Every September, I am reminded of why this profession is so special. Our work exists in a series of natural one-year cycles, each of which has space for new beginnings, and for enthusiastic celebrations as each year's journey closes.

The beginning of the school year offers something that is increasingly rare in life: a genuine opportunity to start again. Hallways are filled with possibility. Students arrive with new hopes, staff return with renewed energy, and school leaders have a chance to build on what is working, while leaving behind



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Meet Sid

Sid Jawanda is the 2026-2028 President of the BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association.

Sid has devoted more than 30 years to public education in British Columbia, beginning his career as a secondary mathematics and science teacher and rugby coach. His passion for learning and leadership has guided a career dedicated to serving students, educators, and school communities across the province.

Sid earned a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and a Bachelor of Education from the University of British Columbia, followed by a master's degree in educational leadership from Gonzaga University. These academic experiences, combined with decades of service in schools, have helped shape his student-centered approach to leadership.

Over the last 20 years, Sid has served as a Vice-Principal at a middle school, a junior high, and several secondary schools before becoming an elementary Principal. Most recently, he served as Principal of École Duchess Park Secondary, supporting English track, French Immersion, and Francophone learners in an urban setting.

Throughout his career, Sid has held leadership roles in both rural and urban communities, serving as a teacher, coach, Vice-Principal, and Principal. He has also been a strong advocate for school leaders through his work in School District No. 57 (Prince George), where he served as Chapter President and as a member of the Contract Committee.

At the provincial level, Sid has contributed as a Professional Learning and Development Advisor, a Foundations for New School Leaders facilitator, an Advisory Committee member, one of the authors of the finance module for the Management Foundation Standards, and a Director on the BCPVPA Board for six years before being elected by his colleagues for the presidency.

Sid is also the proud father of amazing twin daughters. His experiences as both an educator and a parent reinforce his belief in the transformative power of education and the importance of fostering inclusive, supportive environments where all learners can thrive.

what no longer serves. For leaders moving to a new setting or role, this opportunity is amplified as they present themselves afresh, leave behind any baggage, and carry forward only their learning to the new role.

As Principals and Vice-Principals, we spend significant time reflecting on improvement. We analyze data, evaluate programs, and support growth in others. With September's arrival, we also receive an invitation to reflect upon ourselves. What strengths do we want to develop this year? What successes from last year can become foundations for even greater impact? What challenges, frustrations, or disappointments are we ready to leave in the past?

September is also a time when we renew relationships, the beating heart of our school communities. I hope to connect with members in my new role by listening, learning from your experiences, and advocating for the issues that matter most to you.

Let's start that connection now. If your Chapter would like to coordinate a visit – or if you simply wish to share a success, challenge, or idea – I welcome that opportunity for dialogue. One of my primary motivations in pursuing the presidency was knowing that I would have the great honour to meet and learn from amazing leaders in every part of our province, and to demonstrate that as a BCPVPA member, you are never alone in this work.

Welcome back, have an inspirational September, and I look forward to connecting with you all soon. The work you do each day makes an extraordinary difference in the lives of young people.

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