

Media Release - Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education being given out today in Fredericton- June 8th

School District 02 Winners - Aubrey Kirkpatrick and Douglas Prescott

Karen Branscombe, Superintendent of School District 02 is pleased to announce that two key district personnel have received the distinction of Premier's Award of Excellence in Education. These awards will be presented in Fredericton on June 8, 2010 by Premier Graham.

Aubrey Kirkpatrick has held various portfolios in School District 02 over his career. He currently holds the position of Director of Finance, Administration and Communication. As part of the Senior Management team, Aubrey is gifted in bringing his vision to life. Aubrey is responsible for all day to day operations in Transportation, Finance, Facilities and IT and with all of these responsibilities he oversees all communication for the district as well. This "add on" responsibility has led to the development of the District's award winning ACHIEVE magazine and the development of the District's very popular facebook site. Aubrey understands about the people part of the business and he prides himself in putting people first in everything that he does. Aubrey looks for solutions and maintains a positive attitude as he works through issues with administrators in all 38 District 2 schools. Aubrey stays current on the trends in education, and contributes at every level of the organization. Aubrey also contributes in many other ways by providing leadership at the provincial, national and international levels of organizations. Ms. Branscombe states that "Aubrey impacts teaching and learning in our district by providing thoughtful, reflective leadership that is proactive and about the students. His work is always about the students first." Aubrey was selected as the District 02 award winner by the District Education Council from twenty-one nominations.

Douglas Prescott is the instructional leader at Riverview High School. Like so many of our dedicated staff, Doug seized an opportunity to make a difference in his community and beyond. The 'beyond' is why Doug is being recognized. His work with the International community has led him to create a welcoming atmosphere at Riverview High School for students from 23 countries around the world. Doug has been actively involved in the student exchange program for over 11 years, and during that time period has impacted over 250 students. Mr. Prescott is understandably proud of the school's involvement in this important cultural initiative. Mr. Prescott's award was selected by the Department of Education.

School District 02 is immensely proud of the accomplishments of Aubrey Kirkpatrick and Douglas Prescott. They are deserving recipients of the Premier's Awards of Excellence in Education.

School District 02 is the largest district in the province, providing service to over 15,000 Anglophone students in 37 facilities.

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