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Dear Parents/Guardians of St. Francis Xavier School,

My name is Ryan Irving and it is with great excitement that I introduce myself to you as the Principal of St. Francis Xavier School. I am honoured to be joining such a wonderful school community and look forward to working within the "Christian family" St. Francis Xavier School strives to be.

In my previous educational experiences, I have enjoyed teaching many different grades at the elementary level. I have also taken great pleasure in organizing sports clubs in my schools and coaching organized youth sports teams outside of school time. It is because of these experiences that joining a school with grades K-6 and a Sports Academy not only excites me, but allows me the opportunity to continue growing my educational experiences in an area that I feel comfortable in.

As I'm sure many of you can relate, I have a bustling home life filled by two energetic young children. Like my hopes for St. Francis Xavier School, in my home, my wife and I are currently teaching how to respect and show love for one another within our community. From my experiences as a parent, I understand how important it is to a parent to know their child is safe and loved during their time at school. The Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education provides this opportunity and St. Francis Xavier School takes this role seriously. I'd like to stay inspired by St. Francis Xavier himself and aim to "be great in the small things". I look forward to helping greatness grow in so many seemingly small areas of school life, such as helping students develop relationships with peers and staff and having a community of parents who feel welcomed and involved in their child's learning. All students deserve the experience of feeling loved and a sense of belonging and I aim to have our school environment help provide that.

I share a vision with the school to help provide our students with education inspired by, and centred on, our most important teacher, Jesus Christ. I look forward to working together to provide an excellent learning experience for every child and pray we can help make lifelong learners out of every student.

I wish you all health and happiness during the summer vacation and look forward to starting the new school year with you in the fall.

God Bless,

Ryan Irving