

NEWS RELEASE

Appointment of new Executive Director

NANAIMO, 5 January 2015 – Dr. Patrick Ross, president of Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation (NLSF), is pleased to announce the appointment of Crystal Dennison as executive director, effective January 1, 2015.

Ms. Dennison, who was executive director for the non-profit Nanaimo Foodshare Society for the past nine years, has been a professional administrator for over 20 years and worked with school districts, all levels of government, Health Authority, various foundations, as well as the corporate sector. She has a certificate in women's leadership from the Coady Institute at St. Francis Xavier University and training from Royal Roads University, Vancouver Island University, and the Centre for Non Profit Management.

“Ms. Dennison is a long-time Nanaimo resident, who is known as a community leader. She has a very good understanding of the great work the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation accomplishes on a daily basis, and she will be able to build on the good relationships established by our founding executive director Erin van Steen, who retired on December 31,” said Dr. Ross. “On behalf of the Board, we welcome her to the Foundation.”

NLSF is a registered, community-based charity that raises funds to help local school children, who are experiencing financial hardship in their homes, and solicits scholarships and bursaries to assist Grade 12 graduates with the high cost of post-secondary education.

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