



**First Nation  
School Board**

# FNSB Welcomes Carrie Heldman as the new Principal at St. Elias Community School



For the past year, Carrie Heldman was a Learning Assistance Teacher at our own Robert Service School in Dawson City, working with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in to ensure culturally responsive and land-based lessons, among other things.

Before that, Ms. Heldman has

worked in New Brunswick and Yellowknife as an educator in both elementary and secondary schools.

She brings with her a deep appreciation for the unique strengths and challenges of rural communities and is committed to fostering an inclusive environment where each student feels valued and supported, and where diversity is celebrated.

Ms. Heldman says that one of her core beliefs as an educator is the importance of empowering teacher leaders.

"I truly believe that when teachers are supported and encouraged to take the lead, it creates a culture of collaboration and growth that benefits everyone in the school community," she says.

Ms. Heldman identifies as a

strong advocate for the 'power of community.'

"Working hand-in-hand with parents, guardians, local leaders, and the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, we will build a supportive and nurturing network that ensures the success and well-being of our students," she says.

Outside of school, Ms. Heldman has always had a love for the great outdoors and says she is excited to integrate outdoor learning experiences, inspired by the rich cultural heritage and traditional knowledge of CAFN, into the curriculum at St. Elias.

Ms. Heldman has a Bachelor of Visual Arts, a teaching Certificate for Montessori Elementary, a Bachelor of Education and a Masters of Education in Student Diversity and Technology from the University of British Columbia.