



# Valhalla School Foundation

Operating Valhalla Community School, *Northern Alberta's First Rural Leadership Charter School*

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It is our pleasure to announce that Ray Battochio will be joining Valhalla School Foundation, as Superintendent of Schools, commencing Wednesday, October 27th. Ray comes to Valhalla in a part-time capacity with a broad range of educational experience. Currently, Ray works as the Vice President of Operations for CAREERS: The Next Generation, an industry-driven private/public partnership dedicated to the career development of Alberta's youth. Previously, he worked with Alberta Education as the High School Completion Project Lead and Education Liaison Manager for Edmonton Public Schools. For twelve years, Ray worked with Clearview Public Schools in Stettler, Alberta. He worked as the Superintendent and held both Vice Principal and Principal responsibilities at Wm. E. Hay Composite High School. Ray began his work in Alberta at the Berry Creek Community School in the hamlet of Cessford, Alberta. He brings to Valhalla three years of fond memories and experiences from that part of his career.

Ray has a B.A. from McMaster University, B.Ed. from the University of Ottawa and M.A. in Education Administration and Leadership from San Diego State University. In his post-graduate studies in California, Ray studied and completed work focusing on choice and charter schools in public education.

Ray has passion and is a collaborative leader. He believes that schools and communities have a moral imperative to engage all students in hopeful, relevant learning and is excited about the future of Valhalla Community School.