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Student support worker: Sylvia Kadijk

Sylvia grew up in Bogota, Columbia. She first visited Canada in 1992 as a student and then decided to immigrate to Canada in 1994 to become a teacher. Sylvia graduated from Kings College in 1999 with a teaching degree. She met her husband Mark while teaching on the Sunshine Coast in 1999. They have been married since 2000 and have two daughters, Solana (14) Sara (13) who attend Winston Churchill High School and Gilbert Patterson Middle School.

Sylvia first joined Lethbridge School District No. 51 in 2012 and worked as an EA in Park Meadows, Galbraith and Lethbridge Christian School, where she has loved working closely with young students.

Now as the ESL Student Support Worker, Sylvia works closely with Immigrant Servic-



es and other agencies to provide supports for students and their families.

She loves working one-on-one with stu-

dents who need some extra support and connecting new families to the supports they need. Welcome Sylvia to the ESL team!

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Number of local indigenous groups in Columbia

49

Columbia is home to 49 million people, making it the second largest Spanish-speaking country

1525-1819

Years when Columbia was part of a Spanish colony in the area

