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Denesiuk announces bid for Liberal nomination

After nearly two decades as a school trustee, Connie Denesiuk is running for the chance to represent the riding of Penticton as the Liberal candidate in next year's provincial election.

Denesiuk announced her inten-

tion to seek the Liberal nomination at a news conference in Penticton on Monday afternoon.



Connie Denesiuk

"We are living in a

critical time in British Columbia, and a time in which strong leadership is needed," she said.

"The local, provincial and global economies are fragile. Employment, health and education needs, demands and costs continue

to rise each year. We need more well paying jobs to support families in the region."

Denesiuk said the riding and the province need well-paying jobs for families and good stewardship of resources.

During her time on the Summerland School Board and later the Okanagan-Skaha School Board, Denesiuk served as a trustee and later as board chair.

She also served as the president of the B.C. School Trustees' Association.

In addition, over the past 32 years she has been a partner with her husband Bob in a small construction company. She is also active in community service and volunteer work.

Denesiuk's announcement, on her 35th wedding anniversary, comes one day after MLA Bill Barisoff announced he would not run in the 2013 provincial election.

Barisoff was first elected to the legislature in 1996.

He has been the Speaker of the House since 2005.

The Penticton riding Liberals are expected to nominate their candidate Oct. 20 at the Ramada.