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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Bereavements

ORIGINATOR: Angela Anderson, Managing Director, Human Resources

RESOURCE

STAFF: Funmi Chris-Oberiko

REFERENCE: [FM.BP Acknowledgement of Deaths and Bereavements](#)
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Ms. Starla Mae Ropp passed away on November 27, 2015, at the age of 52 years. She was hired to the District on a temporary contract from November 10, 1997 to June 30, 1998, as a teacher at Kirkness School. Ms. Ropp obtained a probationary contract in 1998, and worked at Argyll Home School Centre (school name was later changed twice, first to Argyll Home Education Centre and then, Argyll Centre) and was granted a continuous contract in 1999. Ms. Ropp transferred to Argyll Reach Out in 2010, and remained there until she took a leave of absence in 2011. On her return from leave in 2012, she transferred to Avonmore School. Ms. Ropp returned to Argyll Centre in 2014, and in 2015, she took a leave of absence due to health reasons. Ms. Ropp was on leave at the time of her passing.

Ms. Ropp is survived by her husband, Patrick Grant. A celebration of her life was held on December 3, 2015.

Ms. Leigh Smith passed away on December 16, 2015, at the age of 51 years. Ms. Smith began her 13-year career with the District as a teacher assistant in 2002 at Allendale School. In August 2003, she transferred to Mee-Yah-Noh School. She transferred to McKee School in November 2004, and in September 2009, her position title was changed to educational assistant. Ms. Smith remained at McKee School until November 2015, when she went on leave. She was on leave at the time of her passing.

Ms. Smith is survived by her husband, Dean, and her children, Brandan and Mac. A memorial service was held on December 23, 2015.

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