

DATE: October 20, 2015

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Bereavements

ORIGINATOR: Angela Anderson, Managing Director, Human Resources

**RESOURCE
STAFF:** Sandy Boyce

REFERENCE: [FM.BP Acknowledgement of Deaths and Bereavements](#)
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Mr. Svend Hansen, at the age of 83 years, passed away on October 6, 2015. His career with the District spanned over 40 years and began as a teacher in a temporary assignment at Fulton Place School. He obtained permanent status in 1958 and taught respectively at Hardisty, Parkdale, and Garneau schools before returning in 1966, to Fulton Place School as the Assistant Principal. In 1968, Mr. Hansen's role changed when he became the Principal at Queen Mary Park School and subsequently at Capilano and Kenilworth schools. In 1976, Mr. Hansen moved to Central as a supervisor of Program Supervision and later became the Director of that unit in 1978. He transferred as Director in 1979, to Professional Development Curriculum. In 1980, he returned to the role of principal at Dan Knott School. On January 31, 1991, Mr. Hansen retired.

Mr. Hansen returned to the District to serve as a member of the Board Administration from October 1998 to October 2007, first as a Trustee. In 2001, he became the Vice Chair and in 2003, the Board Chair.

Mr. Hansen is survived by his wife Clarice and four children, Sherri, Brenda, Marsha and Ken. A celebration of his life was held on October 10, 2015.

Mrs. Susan Kohler passed away on October 9, 2015, at the age of 53 years. Mrs. Kohler began her teaching career with the District on December 2, 1985. She held positions at Grace Martin, Hillview, Hazeldean, Winterburn, Aldergrove, Westminster, Michael A. Kostek, and Oliver schools. Mrs. Kohler took a leave of absence in April 2009, and was on leave at the time of her passing.

She is survived by her husband Rick, and children, Christine, Monica, Kurt and Lukas. A small, private family ceremony will be held, as per Mrs. Kohler's wishes.

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