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TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Bereavements
ORIGINATOR: David Fraser, Executive Director, Corporate Services
RESOURCE
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ISSUE

To acknowledge the death of three current staff members.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Barry Kokotailo passed away on December 9, 2013, at the age of 57 years. Mr. Kokotailo began his career with Edmonton Public Schools in 2001 as a member of the exempt staff group and held the position of an analyst with District Information Security. He is survived by his son, Christopher.

Ms. Joyce Sydora passed away December 17, 2013, at the age of 64 years. Ms. Sydora began her career with Edmonton Public Schools in 2010 as a member of the support staff group and held the position of payroll clerk with Human Resources. At the time of her passing she was on sick leave. Ms. Sydora is survived by her daughters, Shelley and Christa.

Mrs. Lora Berry passed away December 30, 2013, at the age of 41 years. Mrs. Berry began her teaching career with Edmonton Public Schools in 1998 and taught at Scott Robertson, Fraser, Abbott and Crawford Plains schools. She was on sick leave at the time of her death. Mrs. Berry is survived by her husband, Craig and five year old daughter, Erika.

CURRENT SITUATION

A memorial donation in honour of Mr. Kokotailo has been made on behalf of the Administration and Board of Trustees to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

A donation has been made to the Grey Nuns Community Hospital, Palliative Care, Unit 43, in memory of Ms. Sydora on behalf of the Administration and Board of Trustees.

A donation in memory of Mrs. Berry has been made to the Alberta Cancer Foundation on behalf of the Administration and Board of Trustees.

KEY POINTS

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ATTACHMENTS & APPENDICES

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