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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: Sandy Boyce

REFERENCE: [FM.BP Acknowledgement of Deaths and Bereavements](#)
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Mrs. Audra Bourque passed away suddenly on July 13, 2015, at the age of 49 years. Mrs. Bourque began her career with the District on April 10, 2008, as a part-time Teacher Assistant at Malcolm Tweddle School and on May 7, 2008, she was also hired to work at Waverly School. In January 2009, her job title changed to Educational Assistant and in August 2009, while maintaining her position at Malcolm Tweddle School, she moved from Waverly School to K.I.D.S. (renamed in 2011 to Inclusive Learning). Mrs. Bourque is survived by her husband, Terry and son, Bradley. A celebration of her life was held on July 22, 2015.

Mr. Barry Brown passed away on July 21, 2015, at the age of 60 years. Mr. Brown was a member of the custodial staff group and was hired to the District in 2008, as a custodian at J. Percy Page School. Subsequently, he worked at McNally and L. Y Cairns schools. Mr. Brown is survived by his wife Pamela and daughter Cora.

Mrs. Jacqueline (Jackie) Gafka passed away on July 16, 2015, at the age of 64 years. Mrs. Gafka was hired to the District in 1984, as a Lunchroom Aide at Virginia Park School and in 1990, she was appointed to the position of part-time Program Aide. Her job title of Program Aide was changed to Teacher Assistant in 1998 and changed again in 2009 to Educational Assistant. Mrs. Gafka transferred to Gold Bar School in 1999, and she worked there until taking a leave of absence in November 2012. At the time of her passing, Mrs. Gafka was on leave. She is survived by her husband Colin, son Travis and daughter Kerri.

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