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## BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Education is pleased to announce the following administrative assignments for 2010-2011. Sechelt Elementary School students and staff will be amalgamated with Kinnikinnick Elementary School and the grade configuration at Davis Bay Elementary School will be Kindergarten to Grade Five with the Grade Six and Seven students moving to Kinnikinnick Elementary School. The Board of Education has now confirmed administrative assignments for September 2010 that has a reduction in administration staffing. The school district will now operate with three family groupings: Gibsons, Sechelt and Pender Harbour and will be staffed and budgeted within each family group.

Gibsons Family will include Elphinstone Secondary School and its feeder schools, Langdale Elementary, Cedar Grove Elementary, Gibsons Elementary and Roberts Creek Elementary.

Sechelt Family will consist of Chatelech Secondary School and its feeder schools, West Sechelt, Kinnikinnick and Davis Bay Elementary Schools.

Pender Harbour Family will comprise Pender Harbour Secondary, Madeira Park and Halfmoon Bay Elementary Schools.

The administrator appointments for September 2010 are as follows:

**Pender Harbour Family: Pender Harbour Secondary:** Nancy Brindley, Principal & Fred Thorsell, Principal. **Madeira Park Elementary School:** Fred Thorsell, Vice-Principal. **Halfmoon Bay Elementary School:** Ray Clayton, Principal.

**Sechelt Family: Chatelech Secondary School:** John Brisebois, Principal & Vanessa Clarke, Vice-Principal. **West Sechelt Elementary School:** Susan Budgell, Principal. **Kinnikinnick Elementary School:** Ann Skelcher, Principal. **Davis Bay Elementary School:** Bob McCubbin, Vice-Principal. In February 2011, Ann Skelcher will assume the vice-principalship of Davis Bay Elementary School and Bob McCubbin will assume the vice-principalship of Langdale Elementary School.

**Gibsons Family: Elphinstone Secondary School:** John Clements, Principal & Paul Bishop, Vice-Principal. **Roberts Creek Elementary School:** Gloria McBain, Principal. **Gibsons Elementary School:** Mark Heidebrecht, Principal. **Cedar Grove Elementary School:** Cathy McCubbin, Principal. **Langdale Elementary School:** Dave Hunt, Vice-Principal. Cathy McCubbin will assume the principalship of Kinnikinnick Elementary School in February 2011 and Dave Hunt will assume the principalship of Cedar Grove Elementary School in February 2011.

**Sunshine Coast Alternative School:** Sally Thicke, Principal & Carolyn Spence, Vice-Principal. The operations of SPIDER, ACE-IT and Distributed Learning will now be managed through the Sunshine Coast Alternative School.

**District Programs:** Aboriginal Education: Kerry Mahlman, Principal. Data Collection / Student Support: Phil Luporini, Principal. Student Support Services: Debbie Amaral, District Principal.

**John Lussier**, current Principal of West Sechelt Elementary School, is thanked for his administrative support at Davis Bay, Sechelt, Halfmoon Bay and West Sechelt Elementary Schools. John has been an administrator in School District No. 46 since 1996 and has decided to return to the classroom full-time this fall. **Gregory Walters**, currently on leave of absence from his principalship at Halfmoon Bay Elementary School will not be returning to the school district. Gregory was principal at Halfmoon Bay Elementary from 2006-2009.

Tom Hierck, Assistant Superintendent, commented, "The school district has appreciated the strong leadership provided by these two positive educators. Gregory brought his passion for literacy and the written word to his role and led the Halfmoon Bay School community to positive results in this area. John's 14 years of leadership in three schools have also highlighted the important role literacy plays as he has been a strong advocate for school libraries. We wish them well in their new endeavours."