BLACKS HARBOUR SCHOOL

800 Main Street, Blacks Harbour, NB E5H 1E6

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Dear Blacks Harbour School Families, Community Members, and Students,

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to inform you that after thirty-four years of teaching in four different ASD-S schools as a resource teacher, classroom teacher, Vice Principal, and the Principal of Blacks Harbour School for the past eleven years, I have decided to retire effective June 30, at the end of this school year. I look forward to new opportunities, adventures, travel, and more time spent with family and friends.

It has been an amazing journey of learning and growing as a person and an educator alongside so many students, their families, colleagues, community partners, and staff to whom I will be forever grateful.

I would like to personally thank everyone and express my gratitude for your support during my twenty-five years at Blacks Harbour School. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of a community that has been so supportive, engaged, and caring. A special thank you to the many parents and community members who have served on the Parent School Support Committees, Home and School groups, and to the Village and our community partners who have played an integral role in enhancing the students' learning experience, well-being, and sense of belonging to our community. Without the tremendous support of our partners, our Breakfast Program, Backpack Program, After School Program, Summer Slide, mentorships, playground, basketball court, outside playground, technology and so much more would not be possible.

I am pleased to announce that a new principal, Mrs. Tammy Surette, has been selected to lead our amazing school. Tammy has deep connections to Blacks Harbour School and brings with her an impressive educational background, along with a passion for our students, our school, and the community of Blacks Harbour. Mrs. Surette will assume her role as principal of Blacks Harbour School effective July 1, 2022.

Mrs. Surette is excited to take on this leadership role and looks forward to a new challenge and being part of the success that Blacks Harbour School is known for. Blacks Harbour School will always be a part of my heart, but I am confident Tammy will serve our school well.

With our strong team at Blacks Harbour School, we look forward to a positive last part of the school year and a successful transition supporting the new Principal to prepare for 2022-23.

Sincere regards,

Jo-Ann Schwarze

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