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CHANGES TO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR THE 2017/18 SCHOOLYEAR

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Acting Vice Principal of False Bay School, **Reid Wilson**, has tendered his resignation in order to pursue other opportunities in our District. We thank Mr. Wilson for his committed service as a teacher and educational leader at this amazing little school on Lasqueti since 2005. While Mr. Wilson will be missed in the Lasqueti community, we are pleased that he intends to bring his skills and experiences to a classroom here on the 'bigger island'.

The District is pleased to announce that **Lesley LaCouvee**, who is currently serving as Acting Vice Principal at Ballenas Secondary will serve as **Vice Principal** at **Bowser Elementary School with responsibility for False Bay School on Lasqueti Island**. Ms. LaCouvee began her career in SD69 in 1995 as a teacher at Oceanside Middle School and also did stints at Winchelsea Elementary and CEAP. This past summer she served as Principal for the District 69 Summer School. We know that her passion, energy and caring for students will add a great deal to this new work that she will be taking on in the upcoming year.

We are also excited to have secured the services of **Ronda Bell** to support our **International Student Program** as a **District Principal**. Ms. Bell is a resident of our community who has served as the District Principal for International Student Education in the Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District for the past 10 years. We believe that Ms. Bell's extensive experience in the world of international student education and her commitment to quality programming will make her a tremendous asset to our own program which has never been stronger.

Our goal this year was to maintain as much continuity in our District leadership complement as possible and we are pleased to have been able to minimize change in this aspect of our work when we are in the midst of system transformation in public education.

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