



# BELL HIGH SCHOOL

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OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

January 13, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great sadness that we send this letter to you, our Bell parents and guardians.

We regret to inform you that Steven Squirrell, Chief Custodian at Bell High School, passed away suddenly on Thursday January 12. Steve was an integral part of our school and he will be sincerely missed by all the staff and students at Bell High School. As of this morning, our students have been made aware of this tragic event and as a school community; we share in our collective grief.

During this difficult time, we have the support of the OCDSB Tragic Events Resource Team to help us respond to the variety of reactions students may have to this news. This multi-disciplinary team consists of social workers and psychologists who work for the school board. Our students' well being continues to be our priority and we are committed to providing support to them, particularly at this time. Should you wish to discuss your child's reactions, please feel free to contact me, our School Social Worker, Fraser Blackwell, or our School Psychologist, E.L. Adams.

I have been in contact with Mr. Squirrell's family to extend condolences on behalf of the school community. Details regarding funeral arrangements will be posted on the school website as soon as they become available.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bruce Whitehead

Principal