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## Memorandum

**Date:** November 4, 2011  
**To:** Planning and Facilities Committee  
**From:** Alan Cumbers, Director of Operations

### **New Information: Park Bench in Memory of Student at Ellison Elementary**

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#### **1.0 RELEVANT BOARD MOTION/DIRECTION**

Information update to the Committee at the Director's initiative.

#### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

Ellison Elementary School wishes to honour the memory of Caleb Lanz, the Grade 5 student who passed away in September 2011.

#### **3.0 INFORMATION STATEMENT**

Brady Ibbetson, Principal of Ellison Elementary School has requested that the School District Operations Department obtain jurisdictional approval from CUPE #3523 to purchase and install a memorial park bench with a small plaque to be located adjacent the small playground. Parents of one of Caleb's closest friends own a construction firm that is proposing to work with a small number of students to install the concrete slab and attach the bench at no cost to the School District.

#### **4.0 DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

As all installation and any future maintenance costs will be the responsibility of the school, there are no operational issues as to why this cannot be supported. We are currently working with CUPE #3523 to complete the appropriate jurisdictional exemption.

#### **5.0 NEXT STEP**

Unless directed otherwise by the Board of Education, the Operations Department will continue with the jurisdictional request for concrete works and support the installation of this bench and plaque as requested by Ellison Elementary School.

#### **6.0 APPENDIX**

None