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ACKNOWLEDGING THE LOSS OF AN AMAZING COLLEAGUE

It is with profound sadness and a deep sense of loss that we inform employees of the passing of Scott Swift, a respected educator, colleague and good friend. Scott passed away on May 20, 2022 surrounded by his loving family and friends following a courageous battle with cancer.

Scott joined the school district in December 2000 teaching biology and other sciences. He spent most of his teaching career working at Hazelton Secondary School except for a brief teaching assignment at Majagaleehl Gali Aks Elementary School from November 2007 to June 2008. During his tenure, Scott taught many different courses that included retraining as the Woodwork Teacher for a few years. He was much loved by students and colleagues for his passion, love of teaching and his dedication to all school activities.



Scott was a popular staff member, he had a great sense of humour and his witty comments endeared him to all. He was especially regarded by students, teachers and administrative staff for his kindness, calmness, leadership and encouragement. Scott displayed to everyone that it is worthwhile being a lifelong learner and to never be afraid to try new things. He volunteered with school groups, as a teacher sponsor and coach for sports teams, and as a regular leader and participant in lunch time intramurals. The school could count on Scott to help with anything that was needed. He was always willing to lend a hand and make life more enjoyable for everyone.

Scott worked tirelessly with passion and pride for Hazelton Secondary School, the students and staff including the many hours for student extra-curricular activities and coaching athletic teams. His remarkable spirit, inspiration and generous personal efforts will have ever-lasting impacts on the lives of many students, families and staff in the Hazelton communities.

On behalf of Coast Mountains School District, we extend our love and heartfelt sympathy to Scott's wife, Jennifer, their daughters, Madelaine and Sarah, and to their many friends.

Hazelton Secondary School shares a great sadness with the Swift family on the loss of this wonderful individual. Scott was a gem of a man and we were all the better for having known him. Thank you Scott for everything you did for so many people over so many years - you will be dearly missed.

Janet Meyer Superintendent of Schools

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