



NEWS RELEASE

Recent Passing of Trustee Mollie Bono

At the February 17, 2021 public board meeting SD22 Board Chair Gen Acton announced the recent passing of Trustee Mollie Bono. A highly respected member of OKIB as well as a valued school trustee, Mollie had strong community connections and was also known as an educator, storyteller, activist, feminist, and family member. Mollie was a strong supporter of Indigenous students and helped all of us on our path towards reconciliation.

Mollie's career with SD22 began with her role as an advocate for Indigenous students. In December 2008 Mollie was first elected as school trustee and was re-elected each subsequent term. Although she has been absent from the Board table due to illness, trustees were continually in contact with Mollie who was highly respected as a member of the Board for her thoughtful and insightful perspectives on education. She will be deeply missed and our condolences go to her family, friends and the Okanagan Indian Band at this sad time.

