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Dear Head of School,

With mixed feelings, I am writing to let you know that Lesley Monette, Director of ELCC, will be retiring this year at the end of June, 2016 and we have begun our search for a new Director. While she has left big shoes to fill, Lesley has established an extremely solid foundation on which to build.

Lesley has been the Director since ELCC's inception in 2008. Online learning was not prevalent at that time and Lesley took on the pioneering role to create opportunities for our schools. We knew we were on the right track with the innovation and we certainly know we had the right person to build structures and capacity. We are indebted to Lesley for the development of all operational systems, policies, processes, course documents, communications, business planning, and management for the Consortium. This work is comparable to starting a new school from scratch and building enrolment of over 300 students in less than four years. Lesley created and taught the eLearning AQ course at UOIT every year resulting in the certification of over 80 teachers from CISOntario and CAIS schools. This contribution to the quality assurance of ELCC is significant and provides high value for professional development. Lesley will continue to be the instructor for the AQ course in July 2016.

Lesley's passion for innovation and building new opportunities for students has enabled the Consortium to develop as a viable enterprise supporting independent education across Canada. In recognition of her excellent work, Lesley was nominated for the iNACOL Innovator's award in 2013. With Lesley's guidance, ELCC has undertaken important strategic initiatives to ensure the growth and sustainability of the Consortium. A new marketing committee was implemented this year to support promotions and recruitment of new members.

ELCC has thrived through the extensive research and recruitment initiatives that Lesley has undertaken and I know she appreciates the support she has experienced from School Heads, Academic Council members and Business Heads at the annual CAIS conferences and CISOntario Curriculum leaders meetings.

We wish Lesley the very best in her retirement and express sincere appreciation for her dedication, commitment and passion for ELCC.

In gratitude,

Brenda Zwolak
Chair, ELCC Board