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Dear Ballyclare Secondary School families

It is with great sadness that I must inform you of the death of our former Principal and friend, Mr Uel McCrea OBE. Mr McCrea started in Ballyclare Secondary School in 1981 as Vice Principal and 4 years later became Principal, a job he thoroughly enjoyed for two and a half decades, until he retired in 2010.

Mr McCrea gave many hours of dedicated service not only to Ballyclare Secondary School but to the wider education system. He was Chairman of the NEELB's Education Committee, Chair of the Association of Head Teachers in Secondary Schools and chaired the working party that founded the Controlled Schools' Support Council (CSSC).

We pass on our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Mr McCrea's family and the wider circle of colleagues and friends who will miss him dearly.

Details of Mr McCrea's funeral are yet to be confirmed.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wendy Shingleton

Acting Principal

