

Tribute to Frank Murray R.I.P Former General Secretary ACCS

It was with great sadness we learned that Frank Murray died on Saturday 22nd August 2020 after a long illness borne with dignity. He leaves behind him a wonderful legacy in the education world especially in the Community and Comprehensive sector where he worked as Deputy Principal in Tallaght Community School, as Principal of St. Mark's Community School, later as General Secretary of ACCS and finally in the Department of Education and Skills.

St. Mark's Community School reflected the influence he had on their school when posting:

"Frank was an inspirational leader, renowned for creativity and innovation, a keen intellect and an incredible work ethic. He was loved too for no small measure of devilment and extensive story telling. Above all else though Frank's kindness, his love of people and his belief in the power of schooling are what touched us deeply.

Frank was hugely influential in the development of the Community School as a new model for Second Level Education in Ireland and went on to lead ACCS. Following that he worked with School Accommodation in DES and negotiated many successful amalgamations and new builds.

He was passionate about GAA and as a Kerryman it was green and gold all the way despite living most of his life in Dublin!

Frank served many years as Chief Steward of the Cusack Stand in Croke Park where he spent many happy days... and always found you a better seat!

All of you who knew Frank will have your own special memories because we all felt the good of spending time in the company of this great man.

We in St. Mark's are grateful for all he taught us and we honour him by valuing and minding the rich legacy he left us."

To Barbara, his wife of some 52 years, to Michael, Catherine, Conor and his extended family, our sincere thanks for giving him the freedom and time to share his life with us. To all of you we offer our deepest sympathy and prayers on his passing.

(A more detailed tribute to Frank is included in the Appendices of this Convention Handbook available on www.accs.ie)

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