

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, June 9, 2015**

**1. Mesa Sister Cities Student Exchange**

The Burnaby School District and the City of Burnaby in conjunction with the Mesa Sister Cities Association is participating in the Youth Ambassador Student Exchange Program. The program provides an opportunity for Burnaby and Mesa students and families to develop a better understanding and appreciation of each other, our cultures, and our cities.

Michelle Chan, a grade 11 student from Burnaby North, is currently hosting Kate Price, a grade 11 student, from Mesa. Kate is living with Michelle and her family for three weeks and attending Burnaby North with Michelle. Michelle will then go to Mesa and stay with Kate and her family for three weeks.

This evening, Garth Errico, Director of Instruction, will introduce Michelle and Kate who will discuss their reasons for participating in the program and their experiences thus far.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

**2. Take a Hike Program**

Burnaby's Take a Hike Program opened this September with 10 students. Take a Hike is a full-time alternative education program that engages youth through a unique combination of adventure-

- Purchase of paper, writing tools, calculators (excluding graphing calculators) and other school supplies and equipment for a student's personal use
- School activity fees: agenda books, student activity dues, special events and graduation activities
- Purchase or rental of musical instruments for a student's personal use
- Purchase or rental of tools, materials or equipment for a student's personal use in trades training or apprenticeship programs
- Schools may also charge fees for extra-curricular or enrichment activities on a cost recovery basis. This includes, but is not limited to, enrichment field trips where the activity is not assessed as part of the student's required graduation program, inter-school athletics, intramural activities, dances, clubs, ski trips and travel abroad.
- Schools may charge for the cost of certification when the certification is not part of the requirements of the course
- Boards of Education may also offer specialty academies with the approval of the school's planning council and after consultation with parents. Boards and school planning councils must also annually approve fees for specialty academies.

The attached fee schedule meets the requirements of the legislation.

Recommendation: THAT the Board approve the attached 2015-2016 fee schedule.