

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, September 23, 2014

1. Back to School

The first day and week of school are long anticipated by all students. Parents and children come to school with hopes, dreams and goals.

Classrooms provide rich and exciting learning opportunities where students engage in structured inquiry, critical and creative thinking. It also is a time when students begin the formal processes involved in learning how to read, write and do mathematics.

This evening, Wanda Mitchell, Director of Instruction, will introduce parent, Felicia Lau-Edwards, and her son, Jaden Edwards, a grade four student from Glenwood Elementary. They will share their thoughts and impressions of their school experiences.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Achievement Contract – September 2014

The School Act requires each Board of Education in British Columbia to prepare and submit to the Minister of Education, an Achievement Contract with respect to standards for student performance and plans for improving achievement in the district. Boards of Education are required to submit a three-year plan, with yearly updates, submitted by July 15 of each year. The Achievement Contract specifies district goals, describes strategic actions and identifies how the district monitors progress and makes adjustments to improve student success.

Similarly, each school submits a school plan – a document which outlines the context of each school community and its plans for enhancing student achievements and school improvement. Utilizing data gathered from school plans, district staff created the district report. Burnaby's Achievement Contract is a statement of commitment by the school district to improve student success by:

- Identifying the specific goals the Board has set to enhance student achievement;
- Targeting resources to improve student success;
- Describing the actions and processes to monitor progress toward attaining the goals;
- Communicating the district's efforts to partner groups and the community.

This evening, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli and Heather Hart will provide highlights of the Achievement Contract.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.