## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, September 24, 2013

## 1. 2012 – 2013 Governor General's Academic Medal Recipients

Lord Dufferin, Canada's third Governor General after Confederation, created the Academic Medals in 1873 to encourage academic excellence across the nation. Over the years they have become the most prestigious award that students in Canadian schools can receive.

For more than 125 years, the Governor General's Academic Medals have been awarded to students graduating with the highest average from a high school, as well as from approved colleges or university programs. Pierre Trudeau, Tommy Douglas, Kim Campbell, Robert Bourassa, Robert Stanfield and Gabrielle Roy are just some of the more than 50,000 people who have received the Governor General's Academic Medal. The medals are presented on behalf of the Governor General by each of our secondary school principals.

The Governor General's Academic Medal recipients for the 2012 – 2013 school year are: Canny Kwok from Alpha, Manvinder Bhangu from Burnaby Central, Daniel Piechnik from Burnaby Mountain, Grace Xiao from Burnaby North, Agnes Mei from Burnaby South, Daryl Seah from Byrne Creek, Alina Aref'yeva from Cariboo Hill and Katy Thompson from Moscrop.

We are pleased to have Principals and Vice-Principals from each of our 8 secondary schools here with us tonight. They will speak about the tremendous achievements of their Governor General Academic Medal recipients.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.