

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, January 13, 2015**

**1. Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2014-2015**

The School Act requires the Superintendent of Schools to prepare and submit a report on student achievement to the Board of Education. This annual report on student achievement is intended to ensure transparency and accountability for each school district in terms of its responsibility for improving student achievement. The report also provides information that will facilitate planning for the continuing improvement of student achievement at the school and district levels.

The Report is required to provide specific evidence and measures of student achievement in the areas of literacy, school completion, early learning, and aboriginal education as well as a progress report on children in care.

Tonight, Superintendent of Schools, Kevin Kaardal will share highlights from the report.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive and approve the 2014-2015 Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement.

**2. LINC – Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada**

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada is a program that provides adult language development classes for Landed Immigrants and Status Refugees who are now living in Canada. Although federally funded, the program is delivered through the Burnaby School District system. Curriculum topics focus on providing students with assistance and integration into the community. The content is designed around Canadian culture, history, geography and government systems. Teachers enhance student learning experiences by providing authentic learning, in the form of field trips and guest speakers.

Many supports are in place to minimize the barriers for adults wishing to participate in this program. This includes offering licenced child minding for children of adult students attending daytime and evening language.

Community & Continuing Education Manager, Louise Thorburn, will provide a brief overview of Burnaby Board of Education's role in providing these services to immigrants in our community. Teachers Joy Matino and Patty Castrillon will share the goals of the program and students Mei Lan Hsieh and Seyes Mostafa Raziel will share their thoughts and experiences.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.