

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, January 22, 2013

1. United Nations Student Conference

On December 5-7, 2012, Burnaby students, Aishwi Roshan, Moscrop Secondary, and Sunny Chen, Burnaby North Secondary, and Burnaby Mountain Secondary Vice Principal, Lee Anne Kristmanson, attended the United Nations Student Conference on Human Rights in New York City. The conference hosted approximately 200 students from across Canada, the United States and Mexico. Each student was invited to the conference and came with a project or a sub-theme in the areas of Minority Rights and Discrimination, Human Rights and Democracy and Human Rights and Sustainable Development. Students enjoyed sharing their projects and presentations with other delegates as well as having the opportunity to hear questions and comments from an expert panel.

This evening, the students will share their highlights about this unique and enriching learning experience.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Russian Roulette – What Are The Chances?

In 2011, Ecstasy took the lives of 16 people in British Columbia. In response to this concerning trend, the Burnaby school district, in partnership with the Burnaby RCMP, worked with students to create a play to raise awareness of this issue. Students in Burnaby Mountain's Theatre Production Company created a docu-drama entitled *Russian Roulette—What are the Chances?* Led by drama teacher, Felicity Rudolph, the 45 minute play, researched and written by students, has been performed in several of Burnaby's secondary schools. The play is followed by an informative and open "Question and Answer" session facilitated by the district's Substance Abuse Prevention Worker, Brenda LaFace, Manager of Youth Services, Sue Dorey, members of the Burnaby RCMP, as well as cast members and director of the play.

A free public performance took place on January 16 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre. The performance was well attended by parents, children and community members.

This evening, director Felicity Rudolph and members of the cast will share their learning and experiences in the creation and performance of this poignant docu-drama

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