

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, February 12, 2013**

**1. Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2012-2013**

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 2012 - 2013  
Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement.

**2. Michael J. Fox Twentieth Anniversary**

The district would like to recognize the Michael J. Fox Theatre on the anniversary of its twentieth year. Since opening its doors to the public, the Theatre continues to maintain an unwavering course in service of its mandate, "Fostering Excellence - Building Community". One of the busiest performance venues in the Lower Mainland, the Theatre thrives as a result of the unique and positive relationships that exist among the Burnaby Board of Education, the Michael J. Fox Theatre Society Board of Directors, Burnaby South Secondary School and the British Columbia School for the Deaf, and a wide spectrum of Metro Vancouver communities.

In November 1995 the Theatre was officially named after Michael J. Fox, in recognition of his achievements in the arts and his commitment to the community.

This evening, Theatre Board Director and former Director of Instruction with the Burnaby School District, John White will provide a glimpse into the history of the Michael J. Fox Theatre and highlight the importance of critical relationships in the success of the Theatre.

This will be followed by clips from the evening celebration of Feb. 7, 2013.

Gina Leong, a Grade 12 student from Burnaby Mountain Secondary will share her connection to the Theatre and how the arts have impacted her life.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information

### **3. Chinese New Year Celebration**

The Mandarin Language Arts Program at Forest Grove is into this third year with students enrolled in Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 classes. The core curriculum is taught in English, with Mandarin language learning threaded through song, stories and play. Students are acquiring skills in mandarin oral communication and basic reading and writing in Simplified Chinese. Students in the program also have the opportunity to celebrate and appreciate an additional language and the cultural benefits.

On February 13, Forest Grove Elementary will host an assembly to celebrate Chinese New Year. Invited guests, parents and students are invited to see Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 students in both the Mandarin and English programs share a traditional performance. Tonight, Forest Grove Principal, Al Post with teachers Deborah Tang and Jaimie Li and students from the Mandarin Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes will perform in celebration of Chinese New Year, the Year of the Snake.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information