

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

1. Elementary Band and Pilot Strings Program

The Burnaby School District has the strongest comprehensive K-12 music program in the province. The district offers a variety of exceptional opportunities for all students. At the elementary level, the district has six auditioned groups including 2 traditional choirs, three handbell choirs and the new elementary string orchestra. The district also offers an optional grade 7 band program in all of the district's 41 elementary schools. Currently there are 1,263 students enrolled in this program.

This evening, Ms Kathryn Lee, an elementary music, band and string teacher along with 10 of her students from the Aubrey Elementary School Band will be performing *Pirates of the Caribbean*. They will be followed by grade 4 and 5 students from the Burnaby District String Orchestra.

Aubrey Elementary School Band

<i>Student Names</i>	<i>Instrument Played</i>
Estelle Hemmann, Mahon Yousefi	Flute
Nathania Ngai, Carrie Ng	Clarinet
Yimi Huang	Tenor Sax
Lucas Phillips, Manely Motamedi	Trumpet
Ricky Wang, Isabel LaPrise	Trombone
Holly Duerichen	Baritone

District String Orchestra

<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Instrument Played</i>	<i>Elementary School</i>
Heidi Chang	Violin	Taylor Park
Georgia McIlhargey	Violin	Confederation Park
Chloe Huang	Violin	Parkcrest
Brendan Piskacek	Violin	Glenwood
Makayla Young	Violin	Sperling
Midora Shiu	Violin	Seaforth
Julia Bodnar	Viola	Gilpin
Sunnie Sun	Viola	University Highlands
Jerry Yim	Cello	Chaffey Burke
Mila Desbiens	Cello	Aubrey

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Aboriginal Education and Independent Directed Studies

Independent Directed Studies (IDS) courses allow students to initiate their own learning and receive credits towards graduation. IDS courses are intended for students who wish to pursue curriculum in greater depth and develop their passion and interests. Students develop a plan with a teacher-mentor that outlines the learning outcomes and objectives that the students will meet, keeping in mind that students will need to devote 30 hours for one credit. The Aboriginal Education teachers are the teacher-mentors for small groups of students in several secondary schools in the district.

This evening, District Vice-Principal - Aboriginal, Lyn Daniels and teachers Brandi Price (Burnaby Mountain) and Mary Hotomaine (Burnaby North) are joined by students Alex Guerro, Naomi Hourston and Zoe Mathias. The grade 11 students from Burnaby Mountain and Burnaby North Secondary schools will share their passions, goals and leadership opportunities as they pursue their IDS courses of study.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.