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During the past two weeks, many students, staff and families enjoyed Spring Break. While the weather may not have fully cooperated, there was no shortage of learning opportunities available. Wherever your Spring Break activities may have taken you – in your neighbourhood, local community, family vacation or business travel – students and staff are returning to classrooms with many experiences and memories to share.

Trustees and senior staff were no exception. Trustees Narang and Hayes, along with our Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer, travelled to China. It was an opportunity for the school district to participate in the exchange of ideas, knowledge and culture as our delegation showcased our local education system.

They explored opportunities for cultural exchange, studies abroad, future field experiences and, potentially, preparation for jobs in the global economy. By providing the greatest opportunities possible, we are ensuring our students are prepared for the challenges of a changing tomorrow.

We have always been proud of the cultural diversity and inclusive communities Burnaby is known for. We all benefit from embracing learning and partnership, locally and globally.

Thank you for your continued interest in public education.

**Ron Burton, Chair Burnaby
Board of Education**