

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

**1. Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver Mentorship Program**

The partnership between the Burnaby School District and the Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver originated in 2004 with the inception of *the In-School Mentoring Program*.

The partnership program is a one-to-one encouragement program for boys and girls in grades one to seven, where the participating schools identify students who may benefit from the one-to-one relationship with an adult. The Big Brothers Organization identifies and trains adult “mentors” who meet with their “buddy” for one hour per week at the child’s school. Many of the volunteers in Burnaby are members of the RCMP who play games, do arts and crafts or just hang out in the playground with their buddies.

Currently, this program operates in Edmonds, Maywood, Stoney Creek and Stride Avenue Community Schools.

This evening, Director of Instructor, Peter Dubinsky and Coordinator Community Services, Doreen George, will outline the program and showcase an example of this valued partnership opportunity.

Recommendation: That the Board receive this information.

**2. Byrne Creek – Engaging Learners and Embracing Diversity Through Student Leadership**

On March 15, a team of students and staff from Byrne Creek Secondary School attended the ASCD Annual Conference in Chicago. The group was invited to attend as an extension of Byrne Creek’s recognition as the winner of the 2012 Vision in Action: ASCD Whole Child Award and was asked to present a session on *Engaging Learners and Embracing Diversity Through Student Leadership*.

While in Chicago, the team participated in many personal and professional growth opportunities. Among the highlights was the recognition as guests of honour and the President’s Reception Dinner. They attended conference sessions presented by renowned educational leaders and had the opportunity to visit many of Chicago’s historical, cultural, artistic and architectural sites.

The team was proud to represent the school district. They bring back many new ideas, resources, connections and opportunities. Here to share those experiences this evening are Principal of Byrne Creek, Dave Rawnsley, students Body Geoffrey (Grade 10), Harrison Park (Grade 10), Smruthi Ramachandran (Grade 11), Dunya Aziz (Grade 11), and staff, Laida Falsetto, Deanna Hawley, Wayne Best, Trina Moulin, Judy Fujiki and Gary Leung.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.