

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, April 10, 2012**

**1. British Columbia News Day Student Reporters**

Burnaby students were among the 250 entrants at the CBC Vancouver Broadcast Centre competing to secure a place as a News Day Student Reporter. The best news is that 9 of the 30 student finalists were Burnaby School District secondary students, selected after pitching unique and newsworthy story ideas that mattered to them. On Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, the student reporters told their stories, their way, as part of CBC's "News Day" student reporter initiative.

On News Day, students hit the streets armed with the latest multimedia technologies and lent their voices to CBC radio, television, online and The Vancouver Sun. Each finalist received a \$1,000 scholarship from Sylvan Learning Centre.

This evening, Danielle Kyei, Alpha Secondary; Amarjit Mangat, BC School for the Deaf; Umang Khandewal and Raisa Shabbir, Burnaby North Secondary; Meghan Arora, Burnaby South Secondary; Allison Graham, Cariboo Hill Secondary; and Linette Ho, Hyunsoo Kanyamuna and Olivia Pink, Moscrop Secondary will talk about their News Day assignments and what the experience meant to them.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

**2. Byrne Creek Secondary – 2012 Vision in Action: The ASCD Whole Child Award**

Byrne Creek Secondary School was recently announced the winner of the 2012 Vision in Action: The Whole Child Award by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD). Byrne Creek Secondary School is the first Canadian school to receive this prestigious award from this international educational leadership association.

The ASCD Whole Child Award recognizes schools that move beyond a narrow focus on academic achievement to take action for the whole child, creating learners who are knowledgeable, emotionally and physically healthy, civically active, artistically engaged, prepared for economic self sufficiency, and ready for the world beyond formal schooling.

A team from Byrne Creek, including former principal of the school, Lynn Archer, attended ASCD's 67th Annual Conference and Exhibit Show in Philadelphia from March 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> to accept the award on behalf of the school and community. Byrne Creek students, families and staff will continue to work with ASCD on a variety of projects over the next year.

This evening Dave Rawnsley, Principal, Iha Farquhar, Community School Coordinator, Lorraine Hodgson, Department Head of Student Services, and Mirella Gargiulo, English Language Learning (ELL) teacher will provide an overview of the Whole Child Award and what it means for the school and the district.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.