

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, May 27, 2014

1. Sports Academies

Burnaby has a rich history of athletic programs and academies striving to meet the needs of sports oriented students. These offerings all approach athletics from the perspective of athletics enriching and strengthening an athlete's academic and social skills. This well-balanced approach creates and broadens opportunities for students to pursue their passion for sport along with their many options for post-secondary education. The district is proud of our strong relationships with both internal and external sport organizations and institutions who share this goal of creating well-rounded student athletes.

This evening, Ron Hall, Director of Instruction will provide an overview of the district athletic programs. Byrne Creek Vice Principal, Paul Fester will present information on the basketball academy at Byrne Creek and introduce several students who will share their personal perspectives. Burnaby Central Principal, Garth Errico will present information on the Burnaby Winter Club/Burnaby Central hockey academy and introduce a student who will share his experiences.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information

2. Class Size and Composition

The provisions of Section 72 of the School Act require the Superintendent of Schools to report to the Board of Education any changes to class size and composition that occur throughout the school year. The following report outlines changes to date for 2013-2014. These updates will be reported to the Board quarterly.

	Classes with 4 or more 'Designated' Students									
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Elementary	52	55	58	60	57	59	59	61		
Secondary	457	457	440	442	423	411	397	394		
Total	509	512	498	502	480	470	456	455	0	0

	Classes exceeding Limit / Guidelines									
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Elementary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Secondary (all classes)	39	35	36	35	39	39	40	40		
Secondary (without excluded)	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	39	35	36	35	39	39	40	40	0	0

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. 2014-2019 Board of Education Strategic Plan

The Board of Education has been utilizing strategic plans to provide direction to the district for years. These plans help focus the work of the district and have resulted in new programs, facilities and schools. Recent highlights include Advanced Learning Programs, a Mandarin Language program, new sports academies, supports for the performing arts and the “Leed Gold” completion of both Burnaby Central, its state of the art international standard track and field and the opening of University Highlands.

Strategic planning has resulted in the Board of Education setting priorities that support prudent management of our fiscal resources in difficult times. The four strategic goals for 2014 to 2019 are Leading the Learning, Building Digital Literacy and Citizenship, Ensuring a Sustainable District and Developing Leaders for Today and Tomorrow.

Tonight, Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools will present highlights of the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.