

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, June 25, 2013

1. Celebrating the Graduation Class of 2013

Burnaby School District's rates of completion and transfer to post-secondary are well above British Columbia's provincial average. Annually more than \$6 million in scholarships is awarded to graduating students – and this year's graduation class is no exception.

Burnaby School District students are poised to succeed – and tonight we will take you on a journey into the lives of three exceptional district graduates who will illustrate just this. They will share with us how their Burnaby schools experience has helped them realize their dreams – and to get them to the launch pad of where they headed.

This evening, Principal of Burnaby North Secondary Gordon Li will introduce Burnaby North student Danitza Garate Cubillos, who is a Michael J Fox Scholarship winner and Burnaby South student Agnes Mei, who has been accepted at every post-secondary school she has applied to, and has been offered full scholarships at three Ivy League Universities

Gianni Buono, physical education department head at Burnaby Central, will introduce student Amar Dhesi, who is heading off in the fall to Oregon State University on a full athletic scholarship.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Burnaby Central Chamber Choir A

Conducted by teacher Carrie Taylor, Burnaby Central's Chamber Choir A is an auditioned group from grades 9 -12 who have had a very rewarding year. They were invited to Capilano University's Choral Intensive and guest ensemble at the UBC Night of Song. The Choir also sang along with Eric Whitacre at the Orpheum and won a gold medal at the Heritage Festival in Seattle as well as the Adjudicators' Choice Award. Most recently they won the Kiwanis Festival in the Fraser Valley. All these singers are also part of the Concert Choir at Burnaby Central, a choir with over 100 singers.

This evening Lisa Parsonson, Program Coordinator will introduce the choir, who will sing *THE PRAYER* by Rene Claussen, a song which honours Mother Theresa winning the Nobel peace prize.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.