

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session on Monday, June 26, 2017

1. Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) Award

The Burnaby School District runs adult English classes for newcomers to Burnaby. The classes begin at Literacy Foundations and proceed through to level 8. Classes have a variety of students ranging in ages and countries of origin. Rachel Stenberg teaches a LINC 4 class at Windsor Neighborhood Learning Centre. Students in her class of 18 are from nine different countries including Belarus, Guatemala, India, China, Indonesia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran and Burundi. Her class entered and won the Imagine Culture Photo contest run by Passages to Canada, a project through Historica Canada, and were featured in the Historica Newsletter.

This evening, Louise Thorburn, Manager of the LINC Program will introduce Rachel and her students, Alem Anteneh and Maryia Belyavskaya who will provide information on the class' winning entry as well as their prize, an all-expense paid excursion to Fort Langley where they learned about BC History.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. We Are Hip

Inspired by Canadian musician, Gord Downie and his band, The Tragically Hip, Sheila Gourlay, teacher from Parkcrest Elementary and Carlene Montgomery, teacher from Chaffey-Burke Elementary launched a collaborative school project to accomplish three goals. These goals were to raise money for cancer research, honour Gord Downie and celebrate Canada's 150th birthday.

Seven hundred student voices and hours of rehearsal by Parkcrest and Chaffey-Burke students resulted in one *Hip* song, "Ahead by a Century". This performance was captured in a video produced by Burnaby Learning Technologies team. The video will be debuted this week at school assemblies and will be submitted as Chaffey-Burke and Parkcrest Elementary schools' contribution to "Kids Guide to Canada 150", an online interactive maps that connects 5 million students nationwide in showcasing community projects.

This evening we are pleased to welcome Sheila and Carlene, as well as Janet Chow from the Learning Technologies team. They will speak about the process and share how their collaborative efforts moved the project along. Chaffey-Burke and Parkcrest Elementary schools primary students will be performing for us live this evening.

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