

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Monday, September 11, 2017

1. Study Travel Magazine STAR High School Program Award

The Burnaby School District International Student Program currently enrolls close to 1,500 students from over 40 countries. The diversity and excellence of the program is recognized both nationally & internationally.

This is the second consecutive year that the Burnaby International Student Program has been the recipient of Study Travel Magazine STAR High School Program Award. Study Travel (ST) Magazine is a leading voice within the international education sector. The ST Award is a unique peer-voted award in the study travel industry where agents vote for their preferred educational organizations.

Burnaby International Student Program provides a comprehensive approach to supporting students. The International Education office has a multilingual team that works in admissions, with strong school support provided by our Principals and Vice-Principals, International Student Liaisons, International Student Assistants, teachers and counsellors.

This evening, Angela Ferraro, Managing Director, International Education, will introduce a variety of members of her marketing team, speak about the success of the program in Burnaby and what it means to receive this award. Accompanying them are International students Azul Herrera Martinez, Grade 12 student at Burnaby Mountain Secondary and Xiaoman (Mary) Zhang, Grade 11 student from Burnaby North Secondary.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Career Education – Work Experience Program: City of Burnaby Fire Department Youth Academy

From July 4 to 7, 2017, thirteen Burnaby secondary school students attended Burnaby Fire Department's first ever Youth Academy. The students participated in a variety of hands on activities pertaining to firefighting, including climbing a 100-foot ladder, descending from a 70-foot building, using the jaws of life and holding hoses to put out fires.

Students in Burnaby can elect to take work experience courses which provide them with the opportunity to engage in career areas of their interest and passion. While school calendars generally operate from September to June, Career Education opportunities take place through the summer as well. School arranged work experiences are intended to help students prepare for the transition from secondary school to the world of work, or to further education and training. For students participating in work experience, the community is their classroom, where students gain knowledge about the workplace and are able to apply their learning.

This evening Garth Errico, Director of Instruction, will introduce Paul Arthur, Career Education & Transition Program Consultant, who supported Burnaby's Fire Chief Darcey O'Riordan in creating Burnaby Fire Department's Youth Academy. With us also this evening to tell their story are four students who attended the academy, Jake Johannson, Zahra Simini, Tyril Whitebear and Lucy Xu.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.