

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING – September 13, 2011

Welcome back, everyone, to a brand new school year ...one that promises to be full of discovery and excitement! From our cute four-year-olds entering the big, scary world of kindergarten to our grizzled eighteen-year-olds entering the big scary world of grade twelve and pending graduation ... and to all of our students in between ... we want to make sure that our students continue to receive the best educational experience possible.

Now, for many, summer is a time of relaxation ... but not for the nine thousand students who took advantage of our vibrant summer programs. As well, our District has been bustling with a number of ongoing capital projects – with a focus on the new Burnaby Central Secondary School!

With the new school year we're also looking at facing some challenges. We all hope for a quick resolve to labour issues between our teachers and the Province through a fair and negotiated settlement. We'll still be struggling to provide necessary resources in increasingly demanding financial times and we'll still be fighting to ensure that all of our students and staff can learn and work in a District that respects and welcomes all.

All-in-all, we know that the 2011/12 school year will be another filled with success and that Burnaby will continue to be a "good place to learn"!

Thank you ... and all the best for a successful new school year.

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