

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Monday, September 26, 2016

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 37 countries. The diversity and excellence of the program is recognized both nationally & internationally.

This year, the Burnaby International Student Program was 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 Support Workers, teachers and counsellors.

This evening, Angela Ferraro, Managing Director, International Education, will introduce a variety of members of her team, speak about the success of the program in Burnaby and what it means to receive this award.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) and Provincial Award

Basic literacy is an essential skill for adults to acquire in order to build an effective community of citizens who can actively participate in making informed decisions and function in daily life. The LINC program in the Burnaby School District offers adult newcomers classes that support their ability to communicate through oral and written language as well as digital communication.

Along with developing students' language skills, the LINC program helps students to become involved members of the community through active partnerships with community groups. Teachers create a learner-centred classroom with authentic real life learning tasks that the student can use in the workplace and in their social life. This September, the LINC program was recognized provincially and was awarded the Premier's Award from the Council of the Federation of Literacy.

This evening, Louise Thorburn, Manager Community and Continuing Education will introduce the LINC teachers. Two of the teachers, Augusta Avram and Maria Kenward

will speak about the program and student, Slava Chibrikov will explain the impact the program has had on him.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.