

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

**1. District Vision Learning Support Program and Space Camp**

The Vision Department in the Burnaby School District supports all school-aged children with visual impairments, as identified by ophthalmologists throughout their school years. Lori Bousfield, the vision teacher, and a team of braillists and orientation and mobility instructors work in schools to meet the needs of each student requiring service. The program focuses on the Expanded Core Curriculum which is comprised of skills that individuals who are blind or visually impaired will need to master in order to be successful in the educational environment and in the world outside school.

Every two years, Lori Bousfield accompanies two students to the United States Space and Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama for a six day camp. The Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students (SCIVIS) is coordinated by vision teachers in order to provide accessibility for their students. The accessibility accommodation includes braille, large print, magnifiers, monoculars and lighting. This year 198 students and 80 chaperones from ten or more countries attended the Space Camp from September 19<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Students participated fully and were encouraged to push their boundaries in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

This evening, Trustees will hear from Ms. Bousfield and students Desseree Martinez and Billy Xuan, who will shared what they have learned.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**2. District Language Enhancement Program and Behaviour Profiles**

The Language Enhancement Program (LEP) services students throughout the Burnaby School District and is based at Cascade Heights Elementary School. It is a program that supports elementary aged students with Autism Spectrum Disorders who have complex behavioural challenges. The classroom teacher and a team of educational assistants trained in intensive instruction delivers the program that focuses on behavioural supports based on individual student data collection and analysis.

The LEP program is currently piloting an online data collection system called *Behaviour Profiles*. *Behaviour Profiles* was designed by the Burnaby School District in collaboration with Simon Fraser University. This tool will help to increase daily accessibility to data and lead to efficient progress monitoring and data-based decision making, when modifying behavioural interventions.

This evening, Brigid Gaster, teacher in the LEP Program, and Nadine Trottier, District Behavioural Analyst, will present on their collaborative efforts to provide intensive behaviour support to LEP students.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.