

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, October 28, 2014

1. 2013 – 2014 Governor General's Academic Medal Recipients

Lord Dufferin, Canada's third Governor General after Confederation, created the Academic Medals in 1873 to encourage academic excellence across the nation. Over the years they have become the most prestigious award that students in Canadian schools can receive.

For more than 125 years, the Governor General's Academic Medals have been awarded to students graduating with the highest average from a high school, as well as from approved colleges or university programs. Pierre Trudeau, Tommy Douglas, Kim Campbell, Robert Bourassa, Robert Stanfield and Gabrielle Roy are just some of the more than 50,000 people who have received the Governor General's Academic Medal. The medals are presented on behalf of the Governor General by each of our secondary school principals.

The Governor General's Academic Medal recipients for the 2013-2014 school year are: Anna Ye from Burnaby South, Nancy Lum from Burnaby North, Justin Lin from Byrne Creek, Zahra Rajwani from Burnaby Mountain, Jenny Zhang from Moscrop, Mohammad Asadi Lari from Alpha, Natasha Williams from Cariboo Hill and Pasindu Muthukuda from Burnaby Central.

We are pleased to have Principals and Vice-Principals from each of our 8 secondary schools here with us tonight. They will speak about the tremendous achievements of their Governor General Academic Medal recipients.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence 2014

2014 marked the 20th anniversary of the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence. The awards honour outstanding and innovative elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines who instil in their students a love of learning and who utilize information and communications technologies to better equip their students with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in a 21st century society and economy. The Awards are offered at the regional and national levels.

Burnaby South's Math and Calculus teacher Amos Lee was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for his efforts to make math a fun learning experience by showing the link between math and real world applications. Under Mr. Lee's lead a 'end of term' exam for honours students was developed to broaden their understanding of mathematics for the upcoming year – many other teachers have adopted this exam. His support has helped

several students gain acceptance to Ivy League Universities such as Princeton, Harvard, MIT and Berkeley.

This evening, Lee Anne Kristmanson, Principal Burnaby South Secondary will introduce Mr. Lee who will describe the experience of receiving the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement 2014-2019

Beginning in the Fall of 2012 through to Fall of 2014 District Aboriginal Staff engaged all willing parents, staff and community members in a consultation centred on Aboriginal student success in Burnaby Schools. Information gleaned from eleven community gatherings and five surveys informed the Enhancement Agreement Working Group who processed data received during the consultation process and, in turn, formulated the goals and objectives. The district's second Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement contains the following goals:

Student Achievement

1. To enhance academic achievement of all Aboriginal learners within the Burnaby School District.

Culture and Sense of Self

2. To increase Aboriginal learners connection to the school community with a sense of place and belonging that supports and reflects Aboriginal culture values and perspectives.

Community Connectedness and Belonging

3. To increase knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal history, traditions and cultures for all learners, supported by the wider school community.

The second enhancement agreement marks a continuation of the work completed in the first agreement, where a marked improvement was noted in Aboriginal student achievement in Burnaby schools.

This evening, Wanda Mitchell, Director of Instruction and Brandon Curr, Vice-Principal, Aboriginal Education will present an overview of the two year consultation process in developing Burnaby School District's second Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement. The district looks forward to signing this on November 6, 2014 at Burnaby Central Secondary School.

Recommendation: That the Board receive this information and approve the District's second Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement.