

BURNABY BOARD CHAIR REPORT

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 8, 2011

In less than two weeks, on Saturday, November 19, citizens in numerous communities throughout the Province will be given the opportunity to cast their ballots and help influence the direction of some very important aspects of their everyday lives. Such things as policing, fire protection, garbage collection, traffic issues and parks and recreation programs are all things that the general public will have their say in as we elect representatives who best reflect our priorities, views and values at the local level through Mayors and Councillors. Also on the ballot will be the names of those individuals who have put their names forward for a position that not only will affect what happens with our education system over the next three years, but which can have a long and lasting influence in building our future generations. Often relegated by the public and media as the “lower” position in municipal politics, the position of School Trustee is anything but.

Here in the City of Burnaby, voters will have the choice of selecting seven School Trustees from a field of twenty-three candidates. Twenty-three people with a variety of ideas, a variety of values and a variety of priorities in how they envision the direction of our School District over the next three years. Although the ways of achieving our objectives of a vibrant public education system vary, I do believe that all are aiming for the same goals of creating the best possible environment for our learners – young and old alike. I thank all of the candidates for stepping forward and wanting to make a difference.

The biggest responsibility lies with our citizens. Learn the issues, know your candidates and exercise an opportunity that is still a foreign concept to a large part of our globe ... please get out and vote.

Larry Hayes
Board Chair / Trustee
Burnaby Board of Education SD41