

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, November 12, 2013**

**1. 100 Year Celebrations – Armstrong Elementary and Second Street Community School Plaque Presentation.**

The year 2013 marked 100 years for two Burnaby schools – Armstrong Elementary School and Second Street Community School. Both schools hosted celebration events that boasted memories, photos and memorabilia of years past as hundreds of students, teachers, principals and parents, past and present, shared stories and laughter of two wonderful school communities.

These successful events were made possible by the dedication and support of many individuals, with special thanks to the organizing committees. The committees took delighted participants through walks down memory lane with artifacts from the school buildings, stories of Burnaby and memoirs of teachers and students alike.

This evening, Ernie Kashima, Principal Armstrong Elementary school and Mark Harding, Principal Second Street Community school will be presented with a commemorative plaque marking the 100 year Centennial Celebrations of their schools.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

**2. Changing Results for Young and Adolescent Readers**

The Burnaby School District has been participating in a provincial initiative, “Changing Results for Young Readers”. The purpose of this initiative has been to “increase the number of British Columbia children who are engaged, competent readers and experience the joy of reading”. Last year, a team of Burnaby elementary teachers created inquiry questions that would assist them in guiding their practice in making a difference for all students, particularly the most vulnerable. They found, as they joined other educators throughout the province, that these purposeful actions made a significant and powerful impact on student learning and their own understanding of best practice. This year the Burnaby School District has a new team of elementary teachers that are involved in this initiative. Concurrently, a new team composed of Burnaby secondary teachers are involved in “Changing Results for Adolescent Readers”.

This evening, Director of Instruction, Kevin Brandt will introduce Ben Pare, Consultant English Language Arts, Literacy Helping Teachers, KerryAnn Dotto and Angela Meredith and District Learning Support Services Teacher, Elizabeth Gardener who will provide information about these initiatives and share some highlights of the progress with Burnaby students.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.