

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session on Monday, November 27, 2017

1. Community Connections

Each year we are amazed by the generosity and support shown by community organizations, businesses and individuals that step forward in support of our students. We are fortunate to live and learn in a community that values strong connections with organizations and partners.

On November 2nd, Fortius Foundation and Burnaby Neighbourhood House were recipients of awards that were presented by the Burnaby Board of Trade. Burnaby Neighbourhood House received the Not For Profit award for 2017, and Fortius Foundation won the 2017 Entrepreneurial Spirit Award.

Our partnership with the Burnaby Neighbourhood House began almost 20 years ago. This organization provides essential supports and services to our families, which include after school programs, childcare and community kitchens. Daily, our families are strengthened through their support.

Our relationship with the Fortius Foundation is a new one. We are excited about the opportunities many students in Burnaby will experience with the foundation in the new year. Kidsmove is a program that focusses on physical literacy and finds ways to engage students in sport.

This evening, Sheri Brattston, Coordinator of Community Education Services will introduce Antonia Beck, Executive Director, and Ernie Kashima, Board Chair Burnaby Neighbourhood House, who will speak about the ways in which they have supported children and families in Burnaby in collaboration with the Burnaby School District. Ron Hall, Director of Instruction will introduce Andy Price, Executive Director of the Fortius Foundation to explain how Kidsmove was created and benefits of this program. Sean Gaster, Principal, Edmonds Community School and Hayley Van Poole, grade 4/5 teacher will speak about what they are hoping to gain from this opportunity.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.