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As we approach the end of 2017, it's a chance for us to reflect on the past year of education in Burnaby Schools. And we have so much to celebrate.

Some of the highlights include:

- Working closely with students, parents, teachers, support staff, and administrators alike to find innovative ways to engage our learners through the redesigned curriculum
- A chance to celebrate our inclusive community of learners, by hosting the District's first Pride Dance
- The completion of Montecito Elementary's seismic expansion and the progress to date on the seismic redevelopment of Alpha Secondary
- A commitment to move forward with the development of a new District Office with a sustainable building to meet the operational requirements of the District for the foreseeable future.

The calibre of student achievement continues to impress and is celebrated in multiple district activities and events. This includes writing projects, public speaking, visual and performing arts, and the professionalism of our athletic teams. Our students continue to excel in academic pursuits both at home and abroad, proudly representing their schools and the District.

2018 promises to be yet another year of hope, growth, and excitement. We look forward to the launch of five new academies at Cariboo Hill Secondary, three of these focused on innovative technology and two unique sports academies. And in June, we will celebrate the first graduates of the Mandarin Language Arts program at Forest Grove Elementary.

On behalf of the Board, I'd like to acknowledge the dedication of all of our staff, students and parents – and thank the many organizations and businesses that support us. Together we are inspiring excellence in Burnaby's public schools.

I wish you all the very best of the Holiday Season.

Baljinder Narang, Vice Chair
Burnaby Board of Education