

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session on Monday, March 12, 2018**

**1. Community and Continuing Education Vocational Programs**

Burnaby Continuing Education offers high quality, affordable, vocational training programs that provide hands-on instruction coupled with job-ready skills training. Adult students are provided the opportunity to quickly move into rewarding careers as a Health Care Assistant, Medical Office Assistant, Dietary Aide or Dental Office Administrator. These are only a few examples of the many exemplary programs offered through Community and Continuing Education (CCE).

This evening we will be highlighting the Horticulture Program under the direction of Karen Flynn, Supervising Programmer, Community & Continuing Education. This program, which grew out of the previous Residential Landscape Technician program, appeals to Professional Landscapers wanting to provide environmentally sound services to clients. It is the only educational horticulture course that focusses on organic horticulture.

The other program being showcased this evening is the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program, designed for adult students who are planning to work with children 3-5 years of age in a preschool, group child care centres, 'early learning' programs and 'family places'. The ECE Basic Certificate program is approved by the Early Childhood Registry of B.C. Ministry of Children & Families.

The success of a number of the programs in CCE are due, in part, to the strong partnerships the Burnaby School District has developed with Vancouver Coastal Health, Interior Health, Fraser Health Authority, Provinces Health Services Authority and Providence Health Authority.

Tonight, Kevin Brandt, Director of Instruction will provide an overview of the programs in CCE and introduce Catherine Dale, Instructor of the Horticulture program, Catherine will provide information on how the program is designed. As well, Linda Vanderheide, Program Coordinator, Community & Continuing Education will be presenting details on the Early Childhood Education Program and will introduce ECE graduate Elaine Cheung. Elaine will share her experiences as a student in the ECE program.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.