

**April 9, 2018**

It is with a heavy heart that I begin the board chair report this evening.

This weekend, the tragedy in Humbolt, Saskatchewan has turned a nation upside down. The unimaginable loss to the families and communities has left a deep hole in the hearts of many Canadians. Words cannot adequately convey the sadness felt by this loss.

Our hearts and thoughts are with those dealing with the aftermath of this tragedy.

It was said that the young Humbolt Broncos players did not play for the names on the back of their jerseys, but for the crest on the front. They epitomized team. It is not always about “the win” but about the bond of the team.

We have our own team here tonight and I’m sure they can attest to that. It is with great pride that we recognize the exceptional talent, dedication and inspiration of the Byrne Creek Bulldogs who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Provincial AAA finals. The Bulldogs had an incredible season, winning the Lower Mainland championships and, ultimately only losing to the South Kamloops Titans in a hard-fought battle.

Tonight, it gives us great pleasure to recognize the Byrne Creek senior boys’ basketball team and to extend sincere thanks to coaches Bal Dhillon and Shawn Hake for their coaching excellence and countless hours of work in supporting our Burnaby team.

On behalf of the Burnaby Board of Education, thank you to each of you.

**Ron Burton, Chair Burnaby  
Board of Education**