

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, January 22, 2019

1. Programs of Choice

Burnaby School District enrolls over 24,500 students K-12 annually. Approximately 10,500 of these students are in secondary programs in eight secondary schools; as well as online programs.

Secondary students continue to build knowledge skills and aptitudes in diverse subject areas from Sciences and Maths to Humanities, Social Sciences, Technology and Visual & Performing Arts, Applied Skills, Athletics and Careers. Secondary education in grades 8-12 allows students the opportunity to sample a wide menu of specialized and interdisciplinary choices, which in some cases, can blossom into a passion or area of interest. This in turn may lead to future post-secondary and career opportunities.

Programs of Choice can be hosted in specific schools or may be a district program within a school or schools. "The Wrap" features these options.

This evening, an administrator from four of our secondary schools will be speaking about programs of choice in their schools, with students sharing their experiences in these programs. You will hear from a sampling that showcases the diversity of choices available to students studying in Burnaby.

École Cariboo Hill Secondary, grade 9 student Kaleb Borg will be talking about the Lacrosse Academy and Acacia Philcox in grade 10 will speak about her experiences in the Digipen Gaming Academy.

Student Emilija Veljkovic at École Moscrop Secondary in grade 11 will talk about French Immersion, while Naili Salami, a grade 12 Burnaby Central student who attends the Health Sciences Program at Moscrop and BCIT will describe how this opportunity is shaping her future.

At Byrne Creek Community Secondary Tia Kinkar in grade 8 will provide information on how the Science Technology Engineering Art & Mathematics (STEAM) program is going for her, and fellow student Rolando Carpio Martinez who is in grade 11 will describe what it has been like for him in the Graphics & Media Arts Program.

From Burnaby North Secondary, Zuzanna Liniewski in grade 11 in the Film & Broadcast Program and Kevin Tong in grade 12 in the AP Capstone Program will share the impact of these programs on their learning.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.