

**June 25, 2019**

Good evening. Welcome to the final Board Meeting of the 2018-19 school year.

As trustees, we are proud of public education in Burnaby. We see the inspiration in our schools and the success of our students. All of this is possible because of the dedication and service of so many. We will honour some of those staff shortly during the Superintendent's report. I want to take a moment to thank all of the District's staff, including those here with us tonight. The learning environments you help to create have fostered so much success, this year alone. On behalf of the Board, thank you for your commitment to the Burnaby School District.

So many of the incredible opportunities we are able to provide for our students come from community partnerships. I also want to take a moment to thank our partners for everything they do.

It certainly has been a busy year. Shortly after our election in the fall, we began strategic planning. We are putting the final touches on the new plan and are excited to share that with you as we start the next school year.

Our schools remain vibrant, active places to be over the summer. About 8500 students – mostly from Burnaby, but also from throughout the Greater Vancouver area – attend our summer session. This year boasts a vast number of new opportunities for students – everything from engineering and robotics to cooking classes, art, and drama. And of course Burnaby Community and Continuing Education is ongoing. Our facilities folks are also working hard throughout the summer getting our buildings and grounds ready for September.

Finally – whether you're taking time off while school is out, or catching some sun with family or friends over the weekends – I hope that you enjoy some down time with the people you care about. I wish you all a wonderful summer.

**Gary Wong, Chair**  
**Burnaby Board of Education**