

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, June 25, 2019**

**1. Celebrating Staff – A Culture of Excellence**

The Burnaby School District is an organization that understands the value in relationships, and working in partnership with community. This evening we are honouring individuals who have been recognized by the City of Burnaby and the University of British Columbia, as well as four nominees for the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education and a school receiving an Exemplary School of Distinction designation for 2019-2024 by the Arts School Network.

Byrne Creek Secondary Community School teacher, Laida Falsetto, has been awarded the Kushiro Cup as Burnaby's Citizen of the Year and Edmonds Elementary Community School Coordinator, John Nanson, is the recipient of the UBC Faculty of Education Alumni Teacher Award. As well, there are a number of individuals who have been chosen to be finalists for the Premier's Award for Excellence in Education. The recipients are Sabha Ghani, teacher from Burnaby South Secondary for Extra Curricular Leadership, Scott Stefanek, teacher from École Brantford Elementary for supporting, mentoring and going above and beyond in supporting students to participate and do their best both on the playing field and in the classroom, Bryan Gidinski, teacher at Chaffey-Burke Elementary for the Social Equity and Diversity Award and Wendell Williams, Safe School Specialist from École Alpha Secondary School for Outstanding Support within the School Community.

Confederation Park Education Through the Arts Elementary School has received a designation from the Arts Schools Network (ASN) Board of Directors, as an Exemplary School for 2019-2024. They will be honoured for their commitment to excellence at the 2019 ASN Annual Conference in Jacksonville, Florida this October.

Tonight, principals from each of the schools of these honourees will talk to us about these amazing individuals and worthy endeavours.

Welcome to Effie Aadland, Principal, Byrne Creek Secondary Community School, Sean Gaster, Principal, Edmonds Elementary Community School, Victoria Lee, Principal, Burnaby South Secondary, Kurt Gurney, Principal, École Brantford Elementary, Claudio Bortolussi, Principal, Chaffey-Burke Elementary, Tim Wozney, Principal, École Alpha Secondary School and Helena Readman, Principal, Confederation Park Education Through the Arts Elementary School.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.