

**December 10, 2019**

Good evening. Welcome to the final Board Meeting of 2019.

As we approach the holidays, Trustees have had the opportunity to enjoy some of the many theatre productions and winter concerts featuring our incredibly talented students.

This is a very busy time of year for families, staff, and students – especially so when you factor in their school lives. Today alone there are eight holiday performances and community events featuring Burnaby Schools students. Tomorrow there will be 18 and it continues at a pace right until the last day of classes before winter break.

All of that holiday cheer that our schools and the wider community get to enjoy comes with many dedicated hours from those behind the scenes, as well. On behalf of the Board I want to extend our thanks to teachers, staff, and parent volunteers for all you do to help make the season shine.

Many of our schools also benefit from community support. Special thanks to the Burnaby Firefighters and Parent Advisory Councils for hosting annual pancake breakfasts for students and school staff to enjoy.

However you mark the season, on behalf of the Burnaby Board of Education, I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday with the people you care about. All the best for the New Year.

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