

Supporting Safe & Caring Schools

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Dear Families,

This week, many of our schools are participating in Pink Shirt Day, which began more than a decade ago as an awareness campaign about bullying. It's also an opportunity to spark additional conversation about caring behaviour. On behalf of the Board of Education and senior staff, we wanted to take this opportunity to share with you what kind of community and culture we work to create.

We pride ourselves in providing engaging, inclusive environments that support the unique learning needs of each child. We have several initiatives and activities in our schools throughout the year that explore kindness and respect for others. When students feel welcome, supported, respected and safe, they are more engaged in learning.

We continue to encourage the ideals of diversity and inclusion through policies that are guided by the District Code of Conduct and initiatives that promote respect and understanding. Our new strategic plan affirms the Burnaby School District's dedication to establishing a culture of respect and belonging in our schools. It is reflected in our values, strategic priorities, and in our mission: "To engage and empower a caring, inclusive community of learners for the opportunities of today and tomorrow."

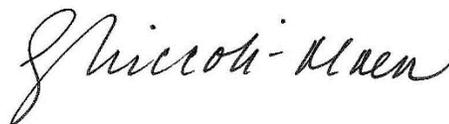
The strength in our differences and the richness of what makes us unique is reflected both in the community in which we live and in our schools. Each and every one of our students and staff are valued and respected members of our community. The increasingly global nature of Burnaby provides us with unique educational opportunities for all of our students. Learning first-hand about other perspectives – whether it be about cultural awareness or other expressions of who you are – benefits us all. Pink Shirt Day reminds students they can be who they are, encourage others to do the same, and stand up to name-calling or discrimination.

We value our partnership with families. By keeping you informed about initiatives such as these, together we can continue to build a community in our schools that models kindness, values compassion, and supports a learning environment that benefits everyone.

Sincerely,



Gary Wong, Board Chair



Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent

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