

June 25, 2020

Dear Students, Families and Staff,

With the official end of the 2019-20 school year upon us, we are writing to provide you with some important updates and to share our thanks. Despite the challenges we have faced collectively, we have been privileged to celebrate the many incredible accomplishments of our students and staff in public education. These last months have also been difficult for everyone. While the words "thank you" feel wholly inadequate, we want to thank all students, families, staff and our partners for everything that they have done to make this highly unusual school year a success.

The Class of 2020 faced their extraordinary grad year with creativity and a will to find a way to make the end of their high school experience special. The grit, resiliency and adaptability they have shown will serve them long after the experience of COVID-19 becomes a memory we all share. They have shown us that our future is in good hands with them. As we say a fond farewell to this year's Grade 12s and look to the fall when we will welcome our Kindergarten students and those new to the District, we reflect on what we have learned since Spring Break that will help us to be ready for September.

We are planning for multiple options under the [Ministry of Education's K-12 Education Re-start plan](#). The BC Government has indicated a return to full-time in-class learning will happen in September, as part of phase 3, if it is safe to do so. While we won't know for sure what stage we will be in until later in August, the insight shared by the District's parents, students and staff in the survey sent last week will greatly assist us in our preparations for the next school year.

Our staff have been pivotal in providing the best experience possible for students. From those supporting learning to those working tirelessly on health and safety, each and every employee had a key role to play. We continue to be proud that the focus remained on our community: providing extra support to students, laptops, essential childcare, and food security for those in need.

We want to also acknowledge the important conversations taking place right here right now about racism. An opportunity to do better has been presented to all of us everywhere, and the Burnaby School District intends to take it. On June 23 the Burnaby Board of Education [unanimously passed a motion](#) designed to engage with, listen to, and learn from the community that we serve – particularly Black people, Indigenous people and people of colour. And after consultation, to develop a district anti-racism plan, update anti-racism policies, and create a better path forward together.

As you head into the summer months, we want to once again acknowledge all of the contributions and efforts of our entire school community. It has been quite a year, and we wish you all a safe and wonderful summer with the people you care about.

Sincerely,



Jen Mezei, Vice-Chair
on behalf of Gary Wong, Board Chair



Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent

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