

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020

1. Future Thinking – Work Experience and Careers

Career development is a key element in the Ministry of Education's mandate for K-12 education and it is embedded in the Burnaby Board of Education's strategic plan.

Today's graduates must be able to adapt to ongoing change in many aspects of their lives. Purposeful career development in which students learn how to set personally meaningful goals, recognize and cultivate relevant opportunities and supportive relationships, and continually re-evaluate and revise plans, is necessary for "the educated citizen" to take advantage of the opportunities of today and tomorrow.

Through developing Career Education opportunities and programs, Kindergarten through Grade 12, the Burnaby School District is ensuring that students are introduced to concepts and ideas that can lead them to better understand how their knowledge, skills, and interests fit with their career aspirations.

Burnaby secondary school students are able to access career development opportunities in three areas. The first is through being a part of the work experience program where they have the opportunity to work in a local organization that relates to their career interest. The second is to enroll in one of the Industry Training Programs offered by our school district. The third opportunity is through the new career courses Career Life Education and Career Life Connections where a student can connect their learning and their passions with their career area of choice.

This evening, Garth Errico, Director of Instruction and Paul Arthur, Program Consultant, Career Education and Transition Programs will provide an overview of Career Education. They are joined by Curtis Hodgson, Vice-Principal at Burnaby South Secondary and Ben Pare, Vice-Principal at Alpha Secondary. They, along with students Jeralyn Magantino, grade 12 student from Burnaby South Secondary, O'Ryan Brown-Angus, grade 9 student and Tazanna Brown-Angus, grade 12 student, siblings from Alpha Secondary, Kimia Sardari, grade 12 student from Byrne Creek Community Secondary and Kayla Wenzek, a recent graduate from Burnaby North Secondary, who is presently taking her Baker Level 3 Technical Training at Vancouver Community College will share the learning opportunities provided in these areas.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.