

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

**1. Students Share Holiday Joy with Seniors**

With the holiday season just around the corner, staff and students in Burnaby schools continue to find unique ways to continue celebratory traditions as well as creating a few new ones.

While COVID-19 may have created disruption and placed restrictions on longstanding winter concerts, holiday schedules, and visits to local seniors' centres, Gilmore Community School students and staff found a unique way to spread some holiday cheer nonetheless.

With safety protocols in place, students donned festive gear and paraded their way to nearby retirement home, Seton Villa. Waving outside, students and staff brought a little cheer and holiday magic, brightening the day for many seniors.

This evening, Gilmore Community School Principal, Maria Perez, will introduce the Gilmore team joining her tonight, sharing their learning and experience in this heartwarming project.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**2. Action Against Racism**

Since the Board of Educations' motion in June outlining its commitment to meaningful engagement and moving anti-racism work forward in the district, school and district staff have been working diligently in action against racism.

From building and enhancing awareness and understanding of anti-racism, to professional development and workshops supporting individuals in "unlearning" racism and what it means to be an active anti-racist, the district continues to make progress in its journey to ensure equity, diversity and inclusion.

A key component of the Board of Education's motion is the development of a district Anti-Racism Ad Hoc Working Group. This group has now formed and met on several occasions.

This district ad hoc working group is comprised of representatives from each of the district's partner groups and meets regularly. With clear purpose and direction, the working group has established its terms of reference and begun discussions regarding recommendations for a community engagement process.

This evening, Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent, will provide an update on the district's work to date in action against racism.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

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