

How We're Doing Strategic Plan 2020-21 Highlights & Accomplishments



Indigenous Education & Reconciliation

- VIRTUAL projects for students with Elders sharing Indigenous learnings & culture
- CONNECT students & families to Elder guidance & care through Circle & Ceremony
- \$40,000 allocation to support Indigenous youth from federal COVID-19 funds

Diversity & Inclusion

- 3000 students attend virtual celebration of Black History Month led by District
- 44 interactive presentations for parents, students, teachers, & other leadership to build understanding of racial equity
- 5 additional rainbow walkways (total of 11) installed at schools, as powerful symbols of our commitment to celebrating diversity

Engagement

- NEARLY 9000 students, parents, staff & community partners shared their voices on District Anti-Racism, Equity and Inclusion Survey
- VIRTUAL REIMAGINING of Communication Contest for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing students provided continued learning and connection
- 4000 thoughts shared online by parents, students & staff that helped guide planning for 2021-22 school year

Sustainability & Environment

- RAISING AWARENESS of environmental issues in 3-part virtual speaker series led by students in Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network
- STUDENT INPUT collected to support ongoing development of first Sustainability Strategic Plan
- 4 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS (City of Burnaby) for students & Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network

Mental Health

- 1000 students & their families learn how to support good sleep habits through innovative program
- 800 students attend virtual youth summit on substance use prevention & mental health awareness
- 2 of the 10 schools in BC certified as Healthy School Communities by provincial organization (DASH) for mental health work

District Leadership

- MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE supporting mental wellness for staff, developing best practices & engagement with employees
- 15 outdoor learning classrooms & 11 student gardening spaces created, as part of broader support for outdoor learning
- 3220 students supported to learn out of school in programs for immune compromised, at-home school & transition

Student Voice

- 100 students in Grades 6-12 share input to enhance safety at school at District-led Student Safety Youth Summits
- LEADERSHIP by students in supporting development of mental well-being action items for every high school
- ANTI-RACISM ENGAGEMENT for entire Burnaby Schools community developed with student representatives on District Anti-Racism Working Group

Student Excellence

- FIRST PLACE North American award for student-created 2019-20 high school yearbook capturing school life before & after COVID-19
- SILVER at national and 4th place at international virtual science fairs
- PUBLISHED PICTURE BOOKS by high school students with diverse abilities

Staff Excellence

- 4500 employees responded with care, compassion & action throughout the pandemic
- GLOBAL AWARD for District's International Education Program for quality & service
- NATIONAL AWARD for innovative adult literacy & essential skills programs supporting immigrants & refugees

Childcare

- 84 new before & after school care spaces opened on school properties
- 24 new infant & toddler spaces opened on school properties
- 100 new 3 to 5-year-old spaces opened on school properties

Collaboration & Partnership

- DEVELOPED & delivered Indigenous Education Assistant diploma in collaboration with Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society & VSB
- \$19,000 in gift cards for food & essentials from partners distributed to students' families who needed it most
- 300 school meals per month subsidized for students and 400 families supported bi-weekly with food hub

Technology

- 4000 Microsoft Teams & 400 Canvas courses developed to support remote, blended and hybrid learning opportunities
- CONNECTED newcomer students & their families who are immigrants & refugees with tablets & computers & provided training to use them
- 3500 new laptops, desktops and iPads deployed for students & schools for September 2021