

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, October 26, 2021

1. Youth Work in Trades Award

The Youth Work in Trades Program provides skill development through practical, hands-on work experience. Students in grades 10 – 12 who are enrolled in the program have the opportunity to work as trades apprentices while attending secondary school at the same time. Students are formally registered with the Industry Training Authority (ITA) as youth apprentices while earning credits towards their graduation program.

Registered youth apprentices who meet required criteria, including graduating with a Grade 12 Dogwood Diploma or Adult Dogwood, successfully completing the Youth Work in Trades coursework, maintaining a prescribed grade point average, and reporting a minimum of 900 hours of work to the ITA, are eligible for the Youth Work in Trades Award. The \$1000 award is intended to help apprentices to continue in the trades and pay for their next level of technical training, or purchase tools and equipment.

The Burnaby School District has many recipients of this award – 18 students in the 2019 – 20 school year, and 26 students in 2020 – 21. In addition, 39 students registered as apprentices with the Industry Training Authority. These students are now busy accumulating work-based hours for this year's awards!

With 110 students currently registered in the Youth Train in Trades Programs, Burnaby's registered apprentices continue to grow. Paul Arthur, District Program Consultant, Career Education and Transition Programs, along with Tracey Wispinski, District Youth Work in Trades Apprenticeship Advisor will acknowledge the successes of the program and the impressive achievements of the many award recipients.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Governor General Awards

Each year, the Governor General's Academic Medal is awarded to the top student at each secondary school in Canada.

For more than 140 years, the Governor General's Academic Medals have been awarded to students graduating with the highest grade point average from a high school, as well as from approved colleges or university programs. The medals are presented on behalf of the Governor General through each of the district's secondary schools.

The Governor General's Academic Medal recipients for the 2020-2021 school year are: Emily Ma from Alpha Secondary, Grace Que from Burnaby Central Secondary, Oscar Lautsch from Burnaby Mountain Secondary, Ratana Wang from Burnaby North Secondary, Jamie Ma from Burnaby South Secondary, Jaehwan Seok from Byrne Creek Community Secondary, Devin Chikhlia from Cariboo Hill Secondary and Samantha Ying Yi Li from Moscrop Secondary School.

The Governor General's Academic Medal recipients have been notified by their respective secondary school. This evening, Jeannette Laursoo, Assistant Superintendent, will recognize the Burnaby School District's recipients of this prestigious award.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.