

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, March 29, 2022

1. Burnaby Youth Wraparound Project

The Burnaby Youth Wraparound Program supports the settlement and integration needs of immigrant and refugee youth between the ages of 18 and 24 who have either left the secondary school system or are in the final year of secondary school. Started in 2018 by Natalya Khan, Settlement Services Coordinator, the project was funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

The Burnaby Youth Wraparound Program provides comprehensive services in four components, including individual settlement planning, education and career planning provided by Douglas College through the Education Reboot Program, employment services, and individual and group counselling supports. As part of the project, individual settlement planning assisted youth in completing secondary school credentials, tutoring, and connecting with peers. In the Education Reboot Program, students learned about post-secondary and career options, created a personal career portfolio and education plan, and built social relationships. Employment services assisted students in working towards their employment and career goals, visiting job sites and job fairs, and making connections with employers and mentors. Through counselling supports, students learned stress management and problem-solving skills.

The pandemic has had a significant impact on the delivery of the project overall. However, it presented an opportunity to design and deliver the program remotely and in a hybrid format. Despite the challenges due to the pandemic, the program and its flexible wrap around model has had a highly positive impact on the achievement of the outcomes for the participants.

This evening, Natalya Khan, Settlement Services Coordinator, will share further information regarding the Burnaby Youth Wraparound Program.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.