

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

**1. Holiday Celebrations – *Corovoce* District Youth Choir**

With the Winter Break quickly approaching, students and staff in Burnaby Schools have been busy with an array of school events and festivities. Winter concerts and holiday schedules continue to celebrate the talent of students and staff, while sharing the gift of music.

The school district has long provided rich and varied opportunities, both choral and instrumental, for students through a variety of music programs. *Corovoce* is an auditioned choir that rehearses at South Slope Elementary School every Monday after school. The 50 students, representing 15 elementary and 2 secondary schools, are thrilled to be singing together again after a 2-year hiatus. The choir, under the direction of Teresa Jukich Fierro, accompanied by Bonnie Ishii, is managed by Sheila Little.

*Corovoce* has had noteworthy performances over the past few years including a performance at the opening of the Paralympic Games held in Vancouver, as well as the performance of a commissioned piece, *The Maple Keys*, written specifically for the group and the Coastal South Youth Choir. The piece was composed by Canadian composer Laura Hawley, in 2020.

In addition, *Corovoce* has teamed up with *Piccolini*, the Burnaby children's choir and *Soundwave*, the district's handbell choir, in hosting joint concerts.

This evening, *Corovoce* is here to perform two of their favourite songs. The first, *Hot Chocolate*, by Andy Beck, and then *Cool Yule*, by Louis Armstrong, arranged by Kirby Shaw.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive the information.