

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, April 25, 2023

1. Strategies Support School Safety

School safety is one of our most important ongoing commitments to students, families and staff. The Burnaby School District has a comprehensive strategy that includes protocols, training, leadership, working with partners, and multiple actions taken to support and enhance a safe environment.

Throughout the school year, training for various scenarios and preparing for emergencies takes place. While the likelihood of threatening situations in schools is low, having a plan and knowing what to do in an emergency helps to protect students and staff during a critical incident.

The District's Safe and Caring Schools team assists administrators, staff, students, parents and members of the community in developing positive, proactive approaches, which enhance the safety and well-being of everyone in our schools and communities. The team's work includes responses to critical incidents, such as a lockdown, hold and secure, shelter in place, and/or evacuation in a school. Schools are part of the community, and while it is rare, invariably there will be times when something critical in the community will intersect with the school, resulting in an incident.

This evening, Nick Christofides, Director of Instruction will share information about a series of Safe and Caring Schools sessions, including upcoming evenings planned for families about strategies to support school safety.

In addition, students from Inman Elementary school are joining the meeting tonight to share their experience during a recent community incident at their school. The leadership students are being recognized and commended for their attention to safety protocols throughout the incident.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive the information