

How We're Doing Strategic Plan 2022-23 Highlights & Accomplishments



Indigenous Education & Reconciliation

- 1,000s of elementary students receive monthly online virtual cultural teachings from District Indigenous Resource Teachers
- Weekly cultural & drum teachings shared by local Elders & Knowledge Keepers at all high schools for groups of students
- Training provided for counsellors to embed Indigenous perspectives into mental health practises for the benefit of all students

Diversity & Inclusion

- First-ever District-wide Freedom to Celebrate Picnic for elementary students & families with partner organizations
- Black Student Affinity Spaces created by students & staff at 4 high schools to help uplift & support students
- Development of Accessibility Plan for the District under way

Engagement

- 1,800 people responded in 17 languages to an online survey to help inform the District's new Long-Range Facilities Plan
- 100 Indigenous students from all high schools shared their voice & feedback at first annual Secondary Indigenous Youth Gathering
- 120 high school students shared their thoughts during focus groups that will help inform the Board of Education's next strategic plan

Sustainability & Environment

- First Climate Project Challenge held where student-initiated proposals to improve sustainability were funded
- Latest elementary building replacement designed with greenhouse gas reduction initiatives, including geometrical fields for primary heating & cooling systems
- Youth Hub students won 1st in a province-wide contest, after developing a recycling campaign

Mental Health

- Staff throughout the District trained in mental health strategies for the classroom to support student wellness
- Awareness campaign launched District-wide with resources & tools to support students with managing stress & mental wellness
- Pilot program launched in school to help Ukrainian newcomer teens with stress & anxiety related to the war

District Leadership

- 1,000 parents & guardians attended District-led workshops on school safety & being prepared for critical incidents
- 50% increase in English evening courses offered to meet demand for District's Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada
- \$175,000 in grants sought & received to support graduation path for vulnerable youth

Student Voice

- 6 forums & retreats held for 100s of students to learn how to advocate for themselves & share their voices
- Monthly meetings led by Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network (BYSN) students to empower others, lessen their impact on the planet & improve sustainability in schools
- Students in high school mental health clubs led school-focused wellness initiatives in collaboration with staff

Student Excellence

- Record number of children below age 13 won City of Burnaby Youth Citizenship Awards for work at school & in the community
- Student named Top 25 Environmentalist Under 25 in Canada for sustainability work at school
- 7 medals earned at Skills Canada BC Competition by students in District Programs of Choice

Staff Excellence

- Awarded Burnaby's Favourite Place to Learn a New Skill, as chosen by voters for Burnaby Now's A-List publication
- 4,054 newcomers, nearly 30% more than last year & many of whom are refugees with complex needs, supported by the District's Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)
- School staff won prestigious cycling award for number of cyclists biking to work & promoting healthy transport

Child Care

- First District-operated & staffed preschool developed, licensed & opened for application
- New District-created Early Childhood Education Assistant courses launched for high school students
- \$2.2 million in provincial funding jointly received with the City of Burnaby for 37 new child care spaces for children 5 & under

Collaboration & Partnership

- 30 organizations that help with post-secondary, employment & more were part of District-wide session for students with diverse abilities & disabilities
- 100s of families supported by District with food security through the summer
- Students & families who fled war-torn countries accessed SWIS-created connection clubs, run by volunteer teachers & held at Burnaby libraries

Technology

- Education Technology Plan launched to support students' knowledge, skills & confidence in managing technology
- 26th in the world ranking for District-wide Robotics Team that also competed at World Championships with 5,000 teams
- Launched new electronic tools for teachers to regularly showcase students' learning, providing additional visibility for families of their students' progress