

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, November 28, 2023

1. Premier's Award for Excellence in Education

The Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education were created to recognize the exceptional contributions of BC's teachers, administrators and support staff. On October 26, 2023, nominees were invited to Victoria to receive recognition and their award from the Premier of British Columbia and the Minister of Education and Childcare. Award recipients from across the province were recognized for their outstanding leadership and commitment to education.

Kristina Carley, grade 2 teacher at University Highlands Elementary School, was honoured with this prestigious award. Kristina is known for her outstanding work in Burnaby – she is the school's Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Lead, she established and led the school's Diversity Club, and supported students in their vision and advocacy for a Rainbow Walkway in the school community. Kristina is also active in local environmental efforts and provincial specialists' associations.

Under Kristina Carley's guidance and leadership, students have advocated for and made strong community connections to enhance inclusion, diversity and sustainability at University Highlands and beyond.

This evening, Kristina Carley will be recognized for her efforts, her prestigious nomination and award, and honoured for her work and commitment to education in Burnaby.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.