

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, January 30, 2024

1. Indigenous Education in Burnaby Schools

Annually school districts across British Columbia receive targeted funds for the delivery of enhanced services for Indigenous students. Burnaby School District's Indigenous Education Department provides a continuum of targeted services for Indigenous students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. These services are in accordance with the Ministry of Education and Child Care's targeted funding policy and are intended to integrate academic achievement and Indigenous culture and/or language.

Beyond the provincial government's longstanding targeted funding policy, legislation and policy were recently announced that support key commitments included in the [Declaration Act Action Plan](#) and the [BC Tripartite Education Agreement](#). Bill 40 is aimed at improving First Nation student learning outcomes through the development of effective relationships and processes with local First Nations. There are three main elements of the new legislation and policy: Local Education Agreements, Indigenous Education Councils and First Nations School of Choice.

Assistant Superintendent, Brandon Curr, will provide an overview of the Indigenous Education Department in the Burnaby School District, as well as share information from the Ministry of Education and Child Care relating to Bill 40.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Registration and Student Planning for the 2024/2025 School Year

Student Registration is a cyclical process that occurs every school year and is defined by Policy #5.05 in the Burnaby School District's Policy Manual.

Registration for French Immersion Programs, the Mandarin Language Arts Program, and Cross and Out-of-District applications begin on February 1, 2024. The deadline for these applications is February 29, 2024. All applications received by the end of February are considered within the context of the priority order outlined in Policy #5.05.

With increased enrolment, the capacity of schools in the district to accept Out-of-District and Cross District students may be more limited than in prior years. In the event there are more applications than spaces available, a waitlist and/ or lottery system will be implemented as per the Policy noted above. Lotteries for programs will take place in March.

Assistant Superintendent, Richard Per, will outline the District's registration process in further detail.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.