SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Reporting to Public Session Monday, February 22, 2016

1. Lunar New Year

The Mandarin Language Arts Program at Forest Grove is into its 6th year with students enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 5. The core curriculum is taught in English, with Mandarin Language learning threaded though song, stories and play. Students are acquiring skills in Mandarin oral communication and basic reading and writing in Simplified Chinese. Students in the program have the opportunity to celebrate and appreciate an additional language and the cultural benefits.

On February 10th, Forest Grove Elementary hosted an assembly to celebrate Lunar New Year. Guests, parents and students were invited to see students in the Mandarin program share a traditional performance.

This evening, Al Post, Principal, Forest Grove Elementary, will provide a summary of vqpki j vøu"rgthqt o cpegl"Deborah Tang, Jaimie Li, Jin Sheng and Jane Ma, teachers from the Mandarin program, along with a group of their students, will perform in celebration of Lunar New Year, the Year of the Monkey.

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Acceptance Flash Mob. Joining the students here tonight is Principal Anthony Yam, head teacher Kim Clark, and music teacher Tisia Minichiello.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.