

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, September 10, 2013

1. Engaging New Language Learning

Kindergarten marks the official start of formal schooling for many children. The first day and week of school are long anticipated by all students, bma2(s)-10t°, " q =á, ÓÑ - á=§ çJ= and Mandarin kindergarten student, Dominic from Forest Grove Elementary along with Sperling Elementary parent, Nilima Tupper and French Immersion kindergarten student Mira. They will share their thoughts and first impressions of their first week at school.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. The Learning Never Stops

Summer Learning Opportunities are an important component of the District's commitment to providing students with a wide variety of program options to meet their interests and individual learning needs.

This summer the district hosted 8,200 students who participated in a variety of courses planned and organized by the school district. Classes were held in 22 Burnaby School locations enrolling 3,659 students in secondary programs and 4,500 in elementary programs. The students participated in courses or programs that advanced their program of studies, goals, developed skills for lifelong learning or provided extra support for students facing some learning challenges.

Secondary Advanced Credit courses were once again the most popular with approximately 2,700 students enrolled in Grade 10 – 12 subjects. These courses provided students with the opportunity to acquire credit for courses not yet taken or to upgrade a mark. Courses with the highest enrolment were: Social Studies 11, Foundations and Pre-Calculus Math 10, 11 and 12, Science 10 and English 12. English as a Second Language courses enrolled 125 secondary students. Grade 7/8 Transitions programs, which provide an introduction to secondary school, had 405 students participating this year.

Moscrop was the largest secondary site with 1,200 students attending classes followed by Burnaby North and Byrne Creek, each with over 1,000 students. Burnaby Mountain with morning classes only, enrolled approximately 500 students and Burnaby South Adult Centre attracted 324 learners.

At the elementary level, 4,500 students enjoyed a wide variety of learning opportunities at 19 different locations ranging from skill and language development, transition programs for students going into grades 1, 4 and 8 and enrichment courses that focused on reading, writing, study skills, essay and report writing, mathematics and problem solving, science, learning with laughter and leadership development. Marlborough and Aubrey were the largest sites enrolling 587 and 408 students respectively. Over 380 elementary students took English as a Second Language classes.

In addition to the Summer Session academic programs, a number of summer programs for children and youth were offered at each of the district's 7 community schools along with childcare and preschool programs at 13 elementary sites.

Tonight, District Principal Donna Scott and Principal Ernie Kashima will present the benefits of participating in just some of the summer learning opportunities in Burnaby.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. School Opening Report

The 2013/2014 school year is off to a smooth start. The first week of school consisted of many focused activities including building school community and promoting positive school climate. S c(e)4(e)4(7 b-11.5 n1s)-1(t).12()TJ 0.24 Tw T* [(c)4(l)-2(2s)-1(t).1J,h(c)4(hoo(nda)4(t)-

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