

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, October 13, 2015

1. District Vision Learning Support Program and Space Camp

The Vision Department in the Burnaby School District supports all school-aged children with visual impairments, as identified by ophthalmologists throughout their school years. Lori Bousfield, the vision teacher, and a team of braillists and orientation and mobility instructors work in schools to meet the needs of each student requiring service. The program focuses on the Expanded Core Curriculum which is comprised of skills that individuals who are blind or visually impaired will need to master in order to be successful in the educational environment and in the world outside school.

Every two years, Lori Bousfield accompanies two students to the United States Space and Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama for a six day camp. The Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students (SCIVIS) is coordinated by vision teachers in order to provide accessibility for their students. The accessibility accommodation includes braille, large print, magnifiers, monoculars and lighting. This year 198 students and 80

This evening, Brigid Gaster, teacher in the LEP Program, and Nadine Trottier, District Behavioural Analyst, will present on their collaborative efforts to provide intensive behaviour support to LEP students.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.