

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Monday, November 28, 2016

1. Community Schools in Burnaby: Partnering with our Community to Promote Healthy Living

Over the past four decades, Burnaby Community Schools have been supporting students and families. The goals and elements of Community Schools focus attention on the many assets of the community while supporting needs that exist. These goals and elements are addressed by accentuating community development, life-long learning, social and emotional learning and health and wellness.

With the support of Community School Coordinators, Community Schools reach out to partner organizations that will help build capacity of our students and families. Being healthy both mentally and physically is a critical component to student success. The Wellness series at 2nd Street Community School, partners with BCIT nursing students who run sessions on body image, relationship skills and personal wellness at lunch and after school with grade 7 girls. At Byrne Creek Community School, three students are working with the Red Cross on a violence prevention and healthy relationship initiative, and are training to support their peers at school and then work with students at Stride and Edmonds Community Schools.

This evening, Peter Dubinsky, Director of Instruction, will show the updated Community School Video and introduce Gayle Beavil, 2nd Street Community School Coordinator, and Bal Dhillon, Byrne Creek Community School Coordinator who will provide a snapshot of these two programs. They will be joined by Denise Beaupre from the BCIT nursing program and Byrne Creek Community School students; Jasmine Morrison grade 11, Nikhil Narayan grade 12 and Francesca Ferrareso grade 12 to share their experiences

2. 2016 World Taekwondo Junior Championships

On November 17th and 18th, the City of Burnaby and Tourism Burnaby, in collaboration with the Burnaby School District hosted the 2016 World Taekwondo Junior Championships at Bill Copeland Arena. More than 800 athletes from over 100 countries competed for top honours across ten different divisions. This event was an exciting

participating. Our own Alpha Secondary student Josipa Kafadar participated in the Junior World Championships where she competed brilliantly, finishing 8th in the world. Over 700 students from Lochdale, Lakeview, Edmonds and Aubrey Elementary Schools had the

opportunity to attend the event and leadership students from Alpha Secondary School also volunteered throughout the championships.

In addition to attending the Junior Championships, Lochdale and Edmonds schools are hosting workshops for students taught by local Taekwondo instructors. Lochdale Elementary Principal Dino Klarich, grade 4 student Maria Spagnuolo and grade 5 student Dean Moro, as well as Edmonds Community School Principal Sean Gaster, grade 7 international student David Cao and grade 5 student Joseph Gebreyes Guillen will share their thoughts and experiences after attending this world championship event. We are also very pleased that Josipa is with us this evening to share her experiences competing in this event.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.