

Superintendent's Report



To: Parents/Guardians

From: Mark Pearmain, Superintendent, North Vancouver School District

Announcements

Budget feedback – Online feedback CLOSES March 15

The North Vancouver School District is looking for feedback from the community on allocating a portion of the annual budget. To gather your feedback, we're using an online tool called [Thoughtexchange](#). The exchange is currently open and **closes on March 15, 2019** – so provide our input now! All of our voices matter, so your participation is crucial and valued.

Through Thoughtexchange, you will be asked to respond to one open-ended question, consider and assign stars to the ideas shared by others, and learn what is important to our community. You can answer the question with as many responses as you like. When you move on to the 'star' step, you will see your thoughts and the thoughts of others and assign stars to each thought (rating from 1-5) depending on how strongly you agree or support that idea. You can come back as often as you would like to participate and, in fact, we ask that you do come back to star some of the new ideas shared since you first participated. You can navigate by using the bar across the top to go back and share more ideas or star some more thoughts at any time. The ratings will help us understand the most important areas to focus on.

Your thoughts and stars are confidential. When you arrive at the Thoughtexchange landing page you will see a welcome screen with two options: 'Continue' or 'Sign-up/login'. Please select 'Continue'. This will enable you to complete the online exchange anonymously. If you choose to, you can also set-up an account with Thoughtexchange; if you choose this option your email address will be submitted to Thoughtexchange, but your responses and star ratings will remain confidential.

Participation will be open until Friday, March 15, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. You can access the Thoughtexchange [HERE](#). If you need technical help, please call Thoughtexchange at 1-800-361-9027 ext. 4 or email help@thoughtexchange.com. Thank you in advance for your help and input.

Vaping forum

On Monday, February 25, 2019, Foundry North Shore, Vancouver Coastal Health and North Vancouver School District hosted a free community conversation for parents on *Youth & Vaping* -

Information, Considerations & Impacts. The evening was led by Dr. Milan Khara, followed by a panel discussion including a youth, a parent and a North Vancouver School District Administrator. Audience members had the opportunity to participate in café style discussions and a question and answer period. For those who were unable to attend, a recording of the live stream video is available on the North Vancouver School District website: [HERE](#).

Second term report cards

This week (March 4 – 8, 2019), report cards are being issued (for most schools). Click [HERE](#) for further information about report cards and how to access them.

Initiatives

Community Report 2019

On Friday, March 8, 2019, the 2019 Community Report will be published and delivered by the North Shore News to homes across North Vancouver. It will also be posted to the school district website and shared on our social media channels.

44 dresses - Donations needed!

We are collecting gently used black tie attire (all genders) to offer to grade 7 students for their grade 7 farewell events. Grade 7 students are invited to come shop at the “boutique” on April 29, 2019. Donations are being accepted starting April 1 and can be dropped-off at all secondary schools and at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave). For more information, please click [HERE](#).

Sleep Out – NVSD has raised nearly \$19,000!

Please join the North Vancouver School District in our *Sleep Out* initiative to raise support for and awareness of youth homelessness. On February 28, 2019, Superintendent Mark Pearmain and Vice Principal of Upper Lynn Elementary, Ilona Wardas, took part in Sleep Out in the downtown eastside to raise money for this important cause. Thank you to everyone who supported them and our schools’ efforts to date. Thus far, the school district has raised \$18,553 for mental health supports for youth at Covenant House Vancouver. We have almost reached our goal of \$20,000! Please click [HERE](#) to donate. For every \$4,000 we raise as a school district, we fund mental health supports for one youth for a year.