

Superintendent's Report



To: **Parents/Guardians**

From: **Mark Pearmain, Superintendent, North Vancouver School District**

Announcements

New Indigenous Education logo



Introducing the new Indigenous Education logo designed by Jaimee Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation member and a Grade 4 student at Lynnmour Elementary School. Jaimee's design includes Wolf for the Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Thunderbird for the Skwxwú7mesh Nation. The water represents Coast Salish Peoples and has the Métis sash running through it. The colours green, yellow, blue and orange are the NVSD colours. Jaimee drew her logo, which was then digitized by graphic designer, Olivia George, Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

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Indigenous Education weekly flyers

Every week, a weekly flyer is created regarding Indigenous Education in the North Vancouver School District. This flyer includes resources, community events and information available to all parents and community members. Please click [HERE](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page to access the flyers.

Information

Budget 2019-2020

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback for the 2019-2020 budget priorities. The online engagement through ThoughtExchange garnered 256 participants, who shared 161 thoughts. These thoughts received 5,468 ratings. As a result of this feedback, along with feedback from CUPE Local 389, District Student Leadership Council, North Vancouver Administrators' Association, North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council, and North Vancouver Teachers' Association, budget priorities were created. These priorities can be seen [HERE](#) (pages 12-22). The priorities were approved by the

North Vancouver Board of Education on April 23, 2019. The 2019-2020 budget was approved by the North Vancouver Board of Education on May 21, 2019 (the full budget is available [HERE](#), pages 9-37).

Concussion Awareness & Response

Concussions are complex, costly injuries that school-age children and youth are at greater risk for than the general population. The North Vancouver School District has created a repository of concussion awareness resources, training tools, and external website links in an effort to provide parents/caregivers, students/athletes, coaches, and school professionals with the information and tools they may need to 1) recognize and properly respond to suspected instances of concussion, and 2) support recovery, including a return to school and sport, when a concussion occurs. Please click [HERE](#) to access these information and resources.

Facilities Updates

Handsworth Secondary School replacement project

On Monday, May 27, 2019, at the regular meeting of District of North Vancouver Council, the development permit for the Handsworth replacement project was issued. Next steps for the project are:

- District of North Vancouver Building Permit application (July 2019)
- Project public tender phase (November 2019 – January 2020)
- Construction commencement (January 2020)
- Target occupancy of the new school (September 2021)
- Demolition of existing school and construction of new field (late 2021/early 2022)
- Project completion (2022)

An additional external study has been conducted to confirm that a six-lane track, designed to IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations) standards, can fit on the site of the new Handsworth Secondary School. Next steps regarding a track have not been determined because focus is currently being placed on the construction of the new school building. For a track to proceed, community support will be needed because the school district is not funded from the Ministry of Education for a track. External funding support will need to be in place. For past projects (such as turf fields), the school district has worked with local municipalities, local sports groups, community groups, corporate sponsors, and parent advisory councils to generate funding.

Argyle Secondary School replacement project

Construction continues on the new replacement school, with the steel structure (frame) being installed on the Northwest section of the building. Focused work continues on the new gymnasium, while extra foundational supports are being placed on the Southeast section of the project.