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## Announcements

### 2022/2023 Budget Update

The 2022/2023 Annual Budget, which provides a planning framework to guide the school district's staffing and organizational plans for the upcoming school year and balances estimated expenses to forecasted revenues, was presented to and approved by the North Vancouver Board of Education at the May 24, 2022, Public Meeting.

The overarching theme to the planning and preparation for the 2022/2023 budget year has been "strategic, targeted investments." Strategic, targeted investments align with the school district's foundational directions (i.e. [five educational priorities](#) and [six strategic goals](#)). By allocating budgets strategically and prioritizing long-term financial sustainability, the school district will be able to move beyond the pandemic, maintain core services to students, and weather any unforeseen or material changes in planning assumptions.

The 2022/2023 budget (available for review in the [Board package](#), pages 29-62):

- Prioritizes direct support to students.
- Requires no teacher layoffs and supports new investments in staffing positions.
- Continues to develop district programming.
- Relies on the accumulated operating surplus to balance the budget.

We would like to thank rights holders, school district partner groups, and community members who throughout the budget development process provided thoughtful feedback, which was used to help inform the development of the annual budget.

We would also like to commend the Board of Education for approving a budget that incorporates Board-approved strategic directions, maintains the short-term and long-term fiscal health of the organization, and ensures the school district continues to maintain teaching and learning environments where all learn, share, grow and thrive together.

## Information

### (New!) Trail-specific safety videos

With the summer hiking season approaching, now is a good time to start planning hikes and overnight trips in the breathtaking mountain playground we call home. Various outdoor safety organizations have partnered with BC Search and Rescue Association to

provide [11 short trail-specific videos](#) for some of the most popular provincial trails, including Stawamus Chief, Howe Sound Crest and Black Tusk. This video series is designed to help you plan your trip, suggest what to take with you, and show some trail highlights--all to ensure you are prepared and know what to expect on your next backcountry adventure.

### **Rapid antigen test kits available to all families and staff**

Earlier this year, all NVSD families and staff had the opportunity to access rapid antigen test kits through their school/site. We have extra test kits, and we would like to offer them to all families and staff on a first come, first served basis. To receive additional test kits, please visit Reception, located on the 2nd floor of the Education Services Centre, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### **Homestay families needed**

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2022. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at [international@sd44.ca](mailto:international@sd44.ca). More information about the homestay program is available [HERE](#).

## **NVSD Events**

### **2023 District Quebec Trip Information Session – May 30**

The school district plans to offer an optional extra-curricular educational experience for Grade 8 French Immersion students from across the school district to Quebec City, May 28 – June 3, 2023. Families interested in learning more about this trip are invited to attend an in-person information session on Monday, May 30 at 6 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Avenue). Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### **Public Board Meeting – June 21**

The next Board of Education Public Board Meeting takes place on Tuesday, June 21, at 6:30 p.m. Visit our [Meetings & Minutes](#) page for information on COVID-19 procedures for

attending meetings in person, how you can provide input, and to review the complete agenda (available on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting).

### **We can only hint at this with words – Exhibition open**

Presented by the Gordon and Marion Smith Foundation for Young Artists, *We Can Only Hint at This with Words* consists of large scale, multi-surfaced mixed media paintings by Russna Kaur, shaped cut-out paintings by M.E. Sparks, and mixed media sculptures and stop-motion video by Andrea Taylor. All three artists navigate the complexities of working with historical reference, and in doing so, find ways to construct their own shapes and gestures. The exhibition will explore the different ways each artist quotes, pulls apart and reshapes the historical narratives that inform their work. For more information about this exhibition hosted at the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art, please visit the [exhibition](#) web page.

## **NVSD Registrations**

### **Summer Learning – Registration open**

[North Vancouver Summer Learning](#) provides a platform for students to explore and extend learning opportunities while fulfilling their educational requirements through a variety of opportunities in the month of July.

The Summer Learning 2022 suite of course offerings provides students the opportunity to enhance core skills and/or earn credits toward graduation:

- [Full Credit Academic Courses](#) (including French 11 - NEW this year)
- [7/8 Transition](#) (including 7/8 Music – NEW this year)
- [English Language Learning \(ELL\)](#)
- [Eslha7an](#) Secondary Review & Completion
- [Numeracy 8/9 Foundations](#)
- [Literacy 8/9 Foundations](#)

[Registration](#) is open to students within and beyond the NVSD and closes June 23 at noon.

### **AFKs' Paradise Valley Summer School of Arts - Registration open**

Young artists ages 8-14 will explore their surroundings with artist Annie Canto in the beautiful setting of Paradise Valley. This overnight camp combines outdoor studio adventures, in-depth instruction in collage, drawing and painting, as well as daily

recreational activities such as canoeing, hiking, archery and campfire singalongs. Students are taught by B.C. certified art specialist teachers and mentored by an acclaimed Canadian artist. Visit [Artists for Kids](#) for more information and to register.

### **AFKs' Summer Visual Arts Intensive - Registration open**

Students ages 14-18 will explore drawing, painting and printmaking with artist Janet Wang in the beautiful setting of the Gordon Smith Gallery, to develop a body of work throughout the week that can be added to their personal portfolio. Visit [Artists for Kids](#) for more information and to register

### **North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL) – Registration open**

NVOL provides students with engaging and interactive learning experiences. Students can choose to engage in their NVOL courses entirely remotely online or in a blended model of online and in-person interactions at our NVOL Centre. In addition, students can choose from a full suite of [courses](#) from Grades 8 through 12 in both English and French.

The French Immersion online course offerings allow students the opportunity to meet the requirements of their Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique online through L' École Virtuelle de Vancouver nord. Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of our French Immersion course offerings.

Online registration for NVOL is open; click [HERE](#) for more information.

## **Community Initiatives**

### **Mayors' Food Bank Challenge – until May 31**

Throughout the month of May, the mayors of Vancouver, City of North Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminister, Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam, Port Moody, Chilliwack, and White Rock have come together for the Mayors' Food Bank Challenge. Mayors in each of these cities are rallying their communities to raise funds for food banks in their neighbourhoods. For more information or to make a donation, visit the [Mayors' Food Bank Challenge](#).

### **Spring Go by Bike Week – May 30 to June 5**

Be a part of a week-long behaviour change campaign and help make Metro Vancouver a happier, healthier place to live, work and play. HUB Cycling's Spring Go by Bike Week will be packed with Celebration Stations where participants can ride by for free snacks, basic

bike maintenance, cycling maps, prizes, and more. [Register](#) solo or as a team with your co-workers, roommates, family or friends.

### **Walk30 North Vancouver Challenge – June 6 to July 10**

The first-ever Walk30 Challenge in North Vancouver, sponsored by the City of North Vancouver, TransLink and Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST), encourages people to walk more to improve overall health and wellness, strengthen community connections, and rethink how we get around. Walk30 invites residents to walk at least 30 minutes a day through a 5-week challenge and input their minutes into an online platform. Walk on your own or join a team. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to sign up.

### **Good News Stories from the NVSD**

Visit our [Learn, Share & Grow](#) blog and [News & Announcements](#) to stay informed on the good work that is happening here. *Enjoy!*

- Kids Design the Ads ([North Shore News special feature](#))
- Career fair in TV/film, journalism and broadcasting ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Winter survival skills with North Shore Rescue ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Windsor Green Team's Earth Month initiatives ([NVSD blog post](#))
- North Shore high school basketball all-stars tip off at Cap U ([North Shore News article](#))
- Ross Road students meet and interview Minister of Education and Child Care ([NVSD blog post](#))
- School district and City Fire launch "CPR C" pilot program ([NVSD blog post](#))

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvia Russell".

Sylvia Russell  
Acting Superintendent of Schools  
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*Missed an issue? Updates from the Superintendent, including the bi-weekly Superintendent's Report, are available [HERE](#).*



***The North Vancouver School District is situated upon the unceded traditional territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. We would like to thank the Coast Salish people and value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.***

