

# Superintendent's Report



**To: NVSD Parents**

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

## Announcements

### Careers in E-Sports and online gaming

E-Sports now generates more than \$1 billion in revenue, with viewership of more than 250 million each year! What career opportunities are there in the E-Sports industry? From game development to competition, there are a vast array of careers within the industry. What skills and competencies will our students need to be successful within E-Sports in the future? All parents, students and NVSD staff are welcome to attend a panel discussion about the opportunities for students within the online gaming industry on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale, 5th floor). Click [HERE](#) for information about the panelists.

### Strategic planning – Add your voice!

Click [HERE](#) to take part now.

The North Vancouver School District is undertaking a comprehensive strategic planning process to review our current strategic goals and to set new goals for the future. Three in-person facilitated sessions have been held so far: a large in-person session with representatives from all schools, partner groups and departments; a session for parents co-hosted with North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council; and a session for students co-hosted with District Student Leadership Council. So far, more than 300 people have provided input, with more than 700 thoughts shared and more than 15,000 ratings of these thoughts!

All students, employees, parents and the general community are encouraged to get involved. All of your voices are paramount to ensuring the outcomes reflect your needs!

#### How can you get involved?

Online: Anyone can provide feedback through the online engagement tool Thoughtexchange. Click [HERE](#) to take part now. The online engagement will be open until Feb. 7, 2020.

In-person: Everyone is invited to a public open house (drop-in format) on Saturday, January 18, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale, 5<sup>th</sup> floor).

## Budget input

Each year, the North Vancouver School District undertakes a public consultation process for input on budget priorities. Staff, students, parents, education partner groups, and community members are invited to provide their input on budget priorities. Budget priorities align with and support the school district's strategic goals, vision and values.

There are various ways to provide feedback:

- In-person: at the Board Standing Committee Meetings on February 4 and April 7, 2020, at 7 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave, 5th floor).
- Email: from February 3 to March 13, 2020 ([budgetcomments@sd44.ca](mailto:budgetcomments@sd44.ca))
- Online: from February 18 to March 13, 2020 through ThoughtExchange (the link will be provided when it opens).
- Traditional mail: addressed to - Secretary Treasurer, 2121 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver, BC, V7M 2K6.

Click [HERE](#) for further information.

## Secondary Enhanced Programs & Academies Night

All grade seven and secondary school students and their parents/guardians are invited to attend an information evening about the many programs of choice offered at the secondary school level. Thursday, January 23, 2020, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Sutherland Secondary School (1860 Sutherland Ave, North Vancouver). More information about secondary enhanced programs is available [HERE](#).

## Information

### Messages preferences

Did you know that parents can select how they receive messages from schools and the school district, including information about snow closures? Parents can even choose to receive emergency information by text (turn on SMS for emergencies). Watch [this video](#) to find out how.

### Policy 201: Learning Resources for Classroom Use

At the October 15, 2019, Public Board Meeting, the North Vancouver Board of Education approved revised [Policy 201: Learning Resources for Classroom Use](#). This policy was revised through the Policy Review Committee comprised of representatives from secondary and elementary school administrators (NOVA), the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTAs), the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC), Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 389, and the District Student Leadership Council (DSLCC). The policy outlines the requirements and procedures for selecting learning resources, as well as the process for challenging the use of learning resources. The Administrative Procedures will be posted once finalized.

## **Cheakamus Centre**

The Environmental Learning Centre at Cheakamus Centre will soon be undergoing some unforeseen necessary repairs. Outdoor School, Skw'unc-was (Long House) and other educational programming will NOT be impacted by this work. The Environmental Learning Centre will be inaccessible while the repairs are taking place, so students at Outdoor School will eat in the building that was formally the dining hall. Other than dining location, there are no other changes to Outdoor School. Unfortunately, some private event rentals at the Environmental Learning Centre have been cancelled and we sincerely regret the disappointment and inconvenience this has caused clients. The Cheakamus Centre events team has assisted clients with finding alternate space at Cheakamus Centre, and we are excited to welcome these guests to other areas of our beautiful ecological reserve. Proceeds from facility rentals at Cheakamus Centre help support school programs and conservation activities, and we are grateful to all of the Cheakamus Centre clients for their understanding. We would also like to thank the North Vancouver and Squamish communities for their continued support throughout the years.

## **Severe Weather Information**

With winter weather upon us, we want to remind parents/guardians, students, and staff about the North Vancouver School District's winter weather procedures and announcements. All schools in the North Vancouver School District will remain OPEN, if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6:30 a.m. and will be announced through the media, placed on the school district website and schools' websites, sent to parents via email, phone and SchoolMessenger app notification, and emailed to staff. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

## **Video – Argyle construction**

Check out this [video slideshow](#) of construction from September to December on the new Argyle Secondary School.