



Board of Education Standing Committee Meeting

January 15, 2019  
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Education Services Centre – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mountain View Room  
2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver

## AGENDA

- |   | Approx.<br>Start Time |
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| <b>A. Call to Order: Trustee Mann</b>   | 7:00 pm               |
| <b>B. Inclusive Education Update</b>  |                       |
| <p>"Diversity is our oxygen!"</p> <p>This statement highlights the North Vancouver School District's commitment to celebrating and supporting the many ways in which diversity is richly expressed in our classrooms and school communities.</p> <p>We believe every student brings with them to school each day a special and unique way of being in the world that meaningfully contributes to this diversity. Our children's earliest experiences of school awaken within them an appreciation for how individual differences make the surrounding world more meaningful. It is the beginning of understanding that diversity, and each individual's contribution to it, represents an essential life force for learning and living together as a community.</p> <p>The evening will consist of two 'sessions'. The first session, led by Ms. Lindsie M. Thomson of Harris &amp; Company, will outline the historical legal precedents involving Special Education cases that impact the North Vancouver School District in its delivery of public education.</p> <p>The second session will focus on Inclusive Education. Inclusive Education is one of our school district priority areas, and remains a highly complex and evolving area within public schooling. Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan and Director of Instruction Vince White will provide an overview on a few identified priorities such as legal considerations in decision making for special needs students, the district's online support tools, staff development at the secondary school level, as well as school completion data.</p> |                       |
| <b>C. Closing: Trustee Mann</b>   | 9:00 pm               |
| <b>D. Next Meeting:</b><br>February 5, 2019   |                       |