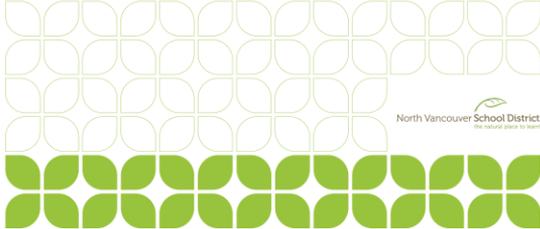




# Superintendent's Report to the Board

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

## Strategic Plan 2021-2031



## Systemness...



- **Systemness** is the state, quality, or condition of a [complex system](#), that is, of a set of interconnected elements that behave as, or appear to be, a whole, exhibiting behavior distinct from the behavior of the parts.
- Each piece of the work we do is connected to the next piece and ultimately the quality of the student experience.



## COMMUNITY

"The strength of a community lies in the wisdom cultivated within the walls of its schools. Education is the compass guiding us through the uncharted territories of progress, unity, and a brighter tomorrow."

- Michelle Obama

# Argyle Winter Concert December 12, 2023



# Camp Read 2024: Seymour Heights Elementary December 21, 2023



## Camp Read 2024: Dorothy Lynas Elementary December 22, 2023



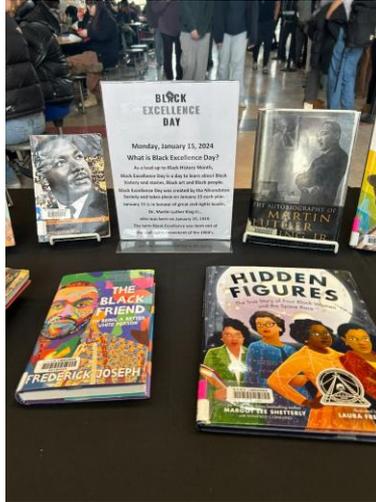
## Black Excellence Day January 15, 2024



Established by the Ninandotoo Society in honour of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., born on Jan 15, 1929, the event is a learning opportunity and celebration of Black achievements, stories, art, people, joy, love and history.

**BLACK  
EXCELLENCE  
DAY**

# Black Excellence Day at Sutherland



# NVSD Snow Day January 17, 2024



# CURIOSITY

"The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity."

- Dorothy Parker

## IB Diploma Programme Information Session

An information session will be held on **February 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** for prospective students in Grade 10 and their families to learn more about the IB Diploma Programme offered at Carson Graham Secondary.

Visit the Carson Graham IB Diploma Programme web page for more information.



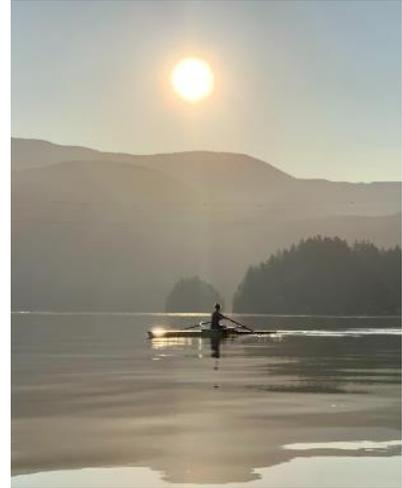
## NVSD Academies – Registration Open



Our highly specialized academies, designed for students in Grades 8-12, are dedicated to honing specific skill sets and nurturing individual passions.

These academies provide an extraordinary opportunity for students to not only work towards their high school graduation but also to accelerate their knowledge and skill development in areas that truly resonate with them. Whether it's a love for the arts, a passion for technology, or a desire to excel in a particular field, our academies serve as a springboard for successful post-graduation pursuits.

**To apply to an Academy for the 2024/25 school year, please visit the [NVSD Academy Applications](#) website during the application period between January 19 and February 29, 2024.**



## Elementary Band and Strings – Registration Open



The Elementary Band and Strings program is a unique instrumental music program that is distinctive to the North Vancouver School District.

Band and Strings complements the BC Ministry of Education's Arts Education curriculum and provides school-based instrumental ensemble instruction to students in the intermediate grades (Grades 5 - 7 for Band and Grades 4 - 7 for Strings).

**Elementary Band and Strings is open to students in Grades 5-7 for Band and Grades 4-7 for Strings. Registration for the 2024/25 school year is open until Thursday, February 29.**



## Late French Immersion – Registration Open



The Late French Immersion Program is a two-year intensive program offered to all students who have successfully completed Grade 5. In Grade 6, 100% of instruction is delivered in French with an emphasis on oral French, to ensure effective language acquisition. English Language Arts are re-introduced in Grade 7 and represent 20% of instruction time, while all other subjects continue to be taught in French. In Grade 8, Late French Immersion students join their Early French Immersion peers for continuation of the French Immersion Program at the secondary level through to Grade 12.

Late French Immersion Feeder Schools are:  
Boundary Elementary → Argyle Secondary  
Braemar Elementary → Handsworth Secondary



**Applications to the program will be accepted  
between January 9 and March 8, 2024.**



## CONNECTION

**"Connection is the currency of life, exchanged in  
the currency of empathy, understanding, and  
shared moments."**

**– Khaled Hosseini**

## New Beginnings



A warm welcome to  
the world, Rio  
Lawrence Barrett, born  
December 2023.



## New Beginnings – Welcome Principals



A warm welcome to  
new Principals Carly  
Roy (Westview) and  
Kammi Clark  
(Capilano), and  
District Principal,  
Curriculum and  
Assessment  
(Elementary),  
Jeeniece Chand.



## New Beginnings – Welcome, VPs!



A warm welcome to new Vice Principals Sarah Dawson (Canyon Heights), Helen Chambers (Queensbury) and JonRoss Fong (Queen Mary)



Pictured: Sarah Dawson (L), JonRoss Fong (Middle), Helen Chambers (R)

## Public Comment Period Open - Proposed 2024/25 School Calendar



### Public Comment Period Open - Proposed 2024/25 School Calendar

This is to confirm that the public comment period for the proposed 2024/25 School Calendar is now open. Students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members are invited to share feedback on the proposed calendar via an MS Forms survey, accessible from the school district's [public District Calendar web page](#).

The public comment period will close at midnight, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Education will review the public comments received, and will finalize the school calendar for the 2024/25 school year at its February 27, 2024 Public Board Meeting.



## Public Comment Period - Budget Priorities 2024/25



### Public Comment Period – Budget Priorities for 2024/2025

There will be a survey issued to all NVSD community members seeking input and feedback on Budget Priorities to help inform the 2024/25 Preliminary Budget. The survey is available online or by traditional mail. Comments will be accepted between February 1 and 29, 2024.



## Update From the Ministry of Education and Child Care



### 2023/24 Student Learning Survey

The [2023/24 Student Learning Survey](#) (SLS) for students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, as well as parents, staff and principals/vice-principals is now open and should be completed by May 3, 2024. The student and staff surveys are available in English and French, and the parent survey is available in 18 languages.

An invitation for families to participate in the survey will be included in the monthly Superintendent's Reports and reminders in subsequent Events and Registrations starting with the Superintendent's Report of Thursday, January 25, 2024. In addition, on Thursday, April 25, a final reminder to participate will be sent to families of students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12.

## Enrolment Audit 2023-24



The NVSD will be completing a K-12 Enrolment Audit for the 2023-24 school year. The two schools selected for this audit are **Mountainside Secondary** and **Handsworth Secondary**.

The enrolment audit will begin February 5, 2024, and the auditors will conclude their work in the NVSD on February 9, 2024. The enrolment audit will include reviews of 1701 data, careers programs, academies, and international education.

Thank you in advance to all those involved for their work to ensure a smooth enrolment audit process.



## Government of Canada: Federal and Provincial International Student Caps



As of December 2023, the Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship announced that the Government of Canada will set an intake cap on international student permit applications to stabilize new growth for a period of two years. More details are available in a [news release](#) issued Monday, January 22, 2024. The NVSD will continue to monitor the potential impacts of these caps.



# Trustee Development and Calendar of Events



## Where we have been....

### Public Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

### Trustee Seminars

Tuesday, January 9, and Tuesday, January 16, 2024

### Public Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

## Where we are going...

### BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Annual General Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 2024

### Trustee Seminar

Tuesday, January 30

### Public Information Meeting – New Elementary School

\*\*new date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024

### Standing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2024