

Superintendent's Report



To: Parents/Guardians

From: Mark Pearmain, Superintendent, North Vancouver School District

Announcements

2019/2020 Budget consultation timeline

The North Vancouver Board of Education will be undertaking a public consultation process for the development of the 2019/2020 Annual Budget. The proposed plan for the process affords opportunities to educational partner groups and the public to discuss budget priorities through meetings, as well as via written submissions.

Key dates are:

- February 5, 2019 – Finance and Facilities Public Standing Committee Meeting
- February 6, 2019 and March 15, 2019 – Email comments
- April 2, 2019 – Finance and Facilities Public Standing Committee Meeting

[For full details, please click HERE.](#)

Streamlining communications with parents

Over the past several years, the North Vancouver School District has been making efforts to better communicate with parents and increase transparency and accessibility of information. Please see [this report](#) to learn more about the efforts that have taken place and what is planned moving forward.

Academic Achievement Recognition

Secondary schools in the North Vancouver School District are redesigning their student recognition programs to better align with the new British Columbia curriculum. Academic achievement awards are now in place at all secondary schools that offer more meaningful and accurate recognition of student academic success. These revamped awards are honoured at awards ceremonies in a more celebratory fashion than past academic programs. Celebrating student success is incredibly important and our schools are committed to honouring students in the most meaningful ways possible. The redesigned academic achievement programs at each secondary school will continue to challenge students and better reflect their academic growth in a profound way. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

Policies

Policy 308: Use of Physical Restraint or Seclusion

At the Public Board Meeting on December 11, 2018, the North Vancouver Board of Education approved new [Policy 308: Use of Physical Restraint or Seclusion](#). The policy states that every intervention used to support a student is carried out in a manner that maintains the student's dignity and the safety of all involved. Support for a student who has difficulty self-regulating physically aggressive behaviour shall be focused on employing preventative measures that minimize the use of physical restraint and/or seclusion. The use of physical restraint and/or seclusion shall occur only in exceptional circumstances in which it is determined that there exists an imminent risk of harm or injury to self or other.

Policy 807: Naming of Facilities and Parts of Facilities

At the December 11, 2018 Public Board Meeting, the North Vancouver Board of Education approved revisions to [Policy 807: Naming of Facilities and Parts of Facilities](#).

Policy 808: Renaming Facilities and Parts of Facilities

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Facilities Updates

Public information meeting - Handsworth Replacement project

The North Vancouver School District is hosting a public information meeting to present the development proposal to replace the current Handsworth Secondary School with a brand new school located on the same parcel of land. Please join us on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Handsworth Secondary School (1044 Edgewood Road, North Vancouver). Please click [HERE](#) for more information about the public information meeting.

School visits

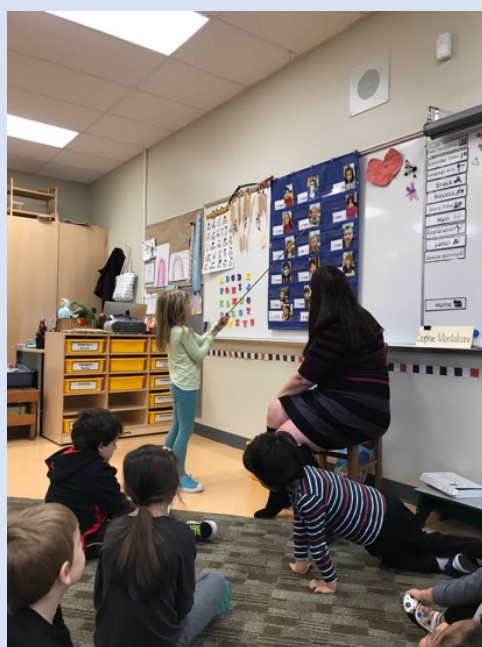
Collaboration Days

As a direct result from feedback obtained from the employee engagement survey, staff from the Education Services Centre are visiting schools more often to learn with staff. Throughout the entire school year, Superintendent Mark Pearmain and Assistant Superintendents Chris Atkinson and Pius Ryan will be joining staff for their collaboration time on Collaboration Days.



On Wednesday, November 28th, I joined the Cleveland staff for their collaboration day. They were working on inquiry questions and implementing inquiry into intermediate classrooms. It was a lovely group mix of new teachers and established teachers sharing ideas and suggestions. I also had the pleasure of meeting new staff members Catherine Crépeau, Danielle Herschmiller and Amy Speakman. It was great to welcome them to the North Vancouver School District and to encourage them as they start their careers.

Westview Elementary



Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson joined me as I visited with staff and students at Westview Elementary.

We visited Jodie Grocott's kindergarten class where the students began with exploration and then moved to calendar time at the carpet. We then spent time with Divya Malik's grade one/two class that was playing "Hula Hoop Rock, Paper, Scissors" outside. Finally, we were welcomed by Ben Gehrels' grade five/six class that was undertaking science observations with crystals.