

Supporting Safe & Caring Schools

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Dear families,

This week, many of our schools are participating in Pink Shirt Day. It's one of several initiatives or activities that explore kindness and respect for others. On behalf of the Board of Education and senior staff, we wanted to take this opportunity to share with you what kind of community and culture we work to create. The Burnaby School District remains dedicated to establishing a culture of respect and belonging in our schools.

We now have two rainbow crosswalks greeting students at our secondary schools, with two more approved and ready to be painted as soon as the weather permits. They serve as powerful symbols of our commitment to celebrating diversity. When students feel welcome, supported, represented, and safe, they are more engaged in learning.

We continue to encourage the ideals of diversity and inclusion through policies and initiatives that promote respect and understanding. This is guided by the District Code of Conduct and embodied in our mission statement as we "prepare and support an inclusive, caring community of learners for the challenges of a changing tomorrow."

The strength in our differences and the richness of what makes us unique is reflected both in the community in which we live and in our schools. The increasingly global nature of Burnaby provides us with unique educational opportunities for all of our students. Learning first-hand about other perspectives – whether it be about cultural awareness or other expressions of who you are – benefits us all. Each and every one of our students are valued and respected members of our community and are key to the future success of our society.

By keeping you informed about initiatives such as these, you in turn, can support your student. As parents and educators, we share a unique opportunity to work together to model kindness, compassion, and build community in our schools. Thank you for working with us to ensure that schools have a culture of belonging and a learning environment that benefits all of our students.

Sincerely,



Gary Wong, Board Chair



Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent of Schools

 <p>BOARD OF EDUCATION BURNABY SCHOOL DISTRICT 41</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</p> <p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p>重要資料 請找人為你翻譯</p>	<p>これはたいせつなお知らせです。 どなたかに日本語に訳してもらってください。</p> <p>알려드립니다 이것을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG Xin nhờ người dịch hộ</p> <p>ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਰਵੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਉਲੰਘਾ ਕਰਵਾਓ !</p> <p>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p> <p>برجی ترجمه هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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