

June 9, 2020

Dear Families, Students and Staff,

Across the world and here at home, there are growing tensions amid protests against racism. We acknowledge how difficult these circumstances may be for many here in the Burnaby School District and we stand firmly in support of human rights.

The Burnaby School District continues to be dedicated to establishing a culture of respect and belonging in our schools and places of work. We support diversity and inclusion through initiatives and activities that promote caring and understanding. These are guided by the values and beliefs embedded in our strategic plan.

We are currently seeking ways to engage our partners to better understand the lived experiences of our community and to inform and enhance our anti-racism policies and practice. As an institution, we agree that we must always strive to be part of meaningful systemic change by honouring the lived experiences of our staff, students and families, and always endeavouring to do our part to ensure all voices are truly heard and respected. Together, we can continue our collective work in strengthening a community that models kindness, values compassion, and supports an educational and work environment that benefits everyone.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all those who have contacted trustees and school district staff to share their views regarding recent anti-racism events. There is much to learn by listening to our intercultural community and the perspective of others. And we are here to listen. We all carry a collective responsibility in confronting racism with openness and an attitude to create positive change.

Sincerely,

The Burnaby Board of Education:

Gary Wong, Chair  
Jen Mezei, Vice-Chair  
Peter Cech, Trustee  
Larry Hayes, Trustee

Bill Brassington, Trustee  
Christine Cunningham, Trustee  
Ryan Stewart, Trustee

 <p>BOARD OF EDUCATION <b>BURNABY</b> SCHOOL DISTRICT 41</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b> PLEASE HAVE THIS TRANSLATED</p> <p>RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS Prière de les faire traduire.</p> <p><b>重要資料</b> 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><b>알려드립니다</b> 이것을 번역해 주십시오</p> <p><b>CHỈ DẪN QUAN TRỌNG</b> Xin nhờ người dịch hộ</p> <p><b>सबुधी साठवारी</b> विषय वरचे विषे वेंचें तिस दा भिंसा वरवार ।</p> <p><b>INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE</b> Busque alguien que le traduzca.</p>	<p><b>اطلاعات مهم و سودمند</b> لطفاً از یک نفر بخواهید که برای شما ترجمه کند</p> <p><b>ITO AY MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON</b> Isalin sa wikang tagalog kung hindi maintindihan</p> <p>يرجى ترجمة هذا معلومات هامة</p> <p><b>ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ</b> Переведите это, пожалуйста.</p>
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