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1. ReThink at Burnaby North

The skills students require to thrive in the world around us are changing. As a result, students, families, and educators are keen to learn in a flexible, fluid and dynamic environment that facilitates this change. *ReThink* is a program option for students and families at Burnaby North who want a different school experience which is built around student interest, driven by inquiry, lives in the community, and aligns with the changing curriculum and demands of the world in which we live. *ReThink* is inquiry-based, driven by projects that exist beyond the walls of the school and built on a foundation of community and collaboration. To date, the school has forged partnerships with multiple local organizations, including: Simon Fraser University, BCIT, BC Hydro, General Fusion, KMBR Architects and North Burnaby Neighbourhood House.

Students participating in the *ReThink* program select areas of exploration and pursue their learning through essential questions and authentic problems. Some students have chosen to dedicate time within their timetable to *ReThink* projects and earn graduation credits through the demonstration of competencies in a range of curricular areas while others opt in as learning opportunities present themselves. Working as individuals, cohorts and learning teams, students engage with members of the community to address the learning opportunities presented to them. Burnaby North teachers connected to the program work with students to identify their “spark” and develop the skills and habits of mind necessary