



BOARD CHAIR REPORT

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During this past spring break, I was fortunate to be able to take a personal vacation to China and enjoyed the privilege of visiting many cities, including Zhongshan, Foshan, Xi'an, Hangzhou and Lin'an. Zhongshan and Lin'an are the City of Burnaby's friendship cities and, as a school trustee, I was reminded of the importance of partnerships in global education and the important role our International Education Program plays for all students.

During my visits to education bureaus and schools in these cities, I experienced many teaching and learning methods that are different from what we see in Western public education systems. I was very fortunate to meet several delegations from school districts across BC and was reminded how important it is to broaden our global perspective on education and widely promote the many innovative programs our school district has to offer.