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The month of February marks 2 very important events *International Mother Language Day* on February 21 and *Pink Shirt Day* on February 28.

With over 90 languages spoken in the homes of our students, our schools showcase linguistic diversity and multiculturalism every day. And with Pink Shirt Day coming this Wednesday, our students are in full swing, both in their schools and in our local community, spreading the word of Inclusion and Acceptance.

The origins of Pink Shirt Day go back many years and one of the co-founders, Travis Price, is in the lower mainland this week sharing his story. We have had the pleasure of meeting Travis during his previous visits to our district we are thrilled to have him join us again to speak with students in 6 of our schools, today and tomorrow.

As a Board, we are always proud to showcase the talent, leadership and compassion of our students they continue to share examples of inclusion, diversity and acceptance that support and build a kinder, stronger and more connected community.

Thank you to our students and staff for their important work and messages of hope.

And thank you for your interest in public education in Burnaby.

**Baljinder Narang, Vice-Chair
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