

February 23, 2021

Good Evening,

February has been a busy month in the Burnaby School District. In addition to the numerous events and initiatives in our schools that have already been highlighted, we will also hear from staff and students later tonight on projects that honour Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day.

It has also been a busy month for the board, with the culmination of a long process to a modernized governance structure that reflects the current board dedication to not only fulfilling our fiduciary responsibilities, but also to becoming a change catalyst to address broader issues that matter to Burnaby citizens.

To be open to change we must honour the work and perspectives of our partners and community.

The importance of engagement with our partners and community is intertwined with the value of authentic listening as we approach our work through an anti-racist and equity lens.

Our engagement on the budget process and the Long-Range Facilities Plan will be different in years past as we