

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Monday, May 9, 2016

1. Secondary School Apprenticeship Program Scholarships

Students enrolled in the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program have the opportunity to begin their apprenticeship-training program while they are still attending secondary school. District and school-based staff work with members of the business community to develop partnerships to support students with their training, by providing them with opportunities for practical work experience placements. Upon sponsorship with the Industry Training Authority (ITA), students “learn and earn”, receiving secondary school graduation credits and required work-based hours for their chosen apprenticeship. This dual credit opportunity may also lead to a program scholarship awarded by the Ministry of Education.

This evening Garth Errico, Director of Instruction will introduce Paul Arthur, Program Consultant, Career and Transition Programs who will provide an overview of the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program and recognize the 18 Burnaby students who will be awarded their scholarships this evening.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. BC Provincial Skills Canada Competition

This year, the BC Provincial Skills Canada Competitions were held on April 13th in Abbotsford. A major component of the Skills Programming is the skilled trades and technology competitions. The philosophy of the skills competitions is to reward students for excellence and have industry directly involved in the evaluation, aligning training to employer needs. The competitions allow students to access the newest technologies and offer opportunities to communicate with industry experts who serve as mentors. Five students from Burnaby participated in the Provincial Competitions this year in the areas of Electrical Wiring, Baking & Pastry Arts and Computer Network Systems Administration.

This evening Paul Arthur, Program Consultant, Career and Transition Programs will introduce three of the students who represented the Burnaby School District and recognize their outstanding effort and achievement. One of these students is a Gold Medal winner, and has earned the opportunity to attend the National competition in Moncton, New Brunswick in June. The winner of the Nationals goes onto the World competition being held in Abu Dhabi.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.