

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**  
**Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday, November 26, 2019**

**1. The Burnaby Children's Charter**

A Children's Charter is a tool that helps communities, schools, or organizations embed the principles of the *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child* into their work. A Children's Charter tells us what children need to grow up healthy and happy. It helps us think about and protect the rights of children. A charter is used to amplify the voices of young people, mobilize action, and support the development of action tools including children and youth strategies.

The Burnaby Children's Community Table is a collaborative group of community service providers that serve Burnaby children and families. The table includes representatives from the City of Burnaby; Fraser Health; Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services; the Burnaby Public Library; Ministry for Children and Family Development; the Burnaby School District; Equitas International Centre for Human Rights Education; the United Way of the Lower Mainland; not-for-profits and community based organizations.

The Burnaby Children's Community Table consulted with community on the needs and resources required to develop a Burnaby Children's Charter. They also worked in partnership with Equitas to create tools that were play and art-based to support children to exercise their right to be heard. The voices of children are the foundation of the Burnaby Children's Charter.

Everyone in the Burnaby community has a responsibility to support and protect the rights of children. To do this we have to know about children's rights and actively support these