



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

# The Board Update

News from the December 11, 2007  
School Board Meeting

## **Our Mission:**

*To ensure quality  
learning opportunities for  
all students of all ages.*

### **Holly Butterfield**

*Board Chair*

### **Brian Robinson**

*Board Vice-Chair*

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Debra Burton

Melissa Hyndes

John J. Keryluk

Diane Sowden

Gerri Wallis

Keith Watkins

### **Laureen Doerksen**

*Superintendent of Schools*

### **Lorcan O'Melinn**

*Secretary-Treasurer*

## **DELEGATIONS**

Students Betty Fei from Port Moody Secondary, Brian Commons from Charles Best Secondary and Vanessa Wattamaniuk from Riverside Secondary presented preliminary information on a Battle of the Bands Competition as part of the Spirit of BC Week February 8 to 16. The Board requested further information from the students prior to the January 15 Board meeting.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

In her last report to the Board prior to her upcoming retirement, Superintendent Laureen Doerksen thanked the Board, and spoke of the many activities and initiatives taking place in our schools:

- Students are excited about upcoming concerts, productions and family nights
- A grade 2/3 class at Pleasantside Elementary conducted a blanket drive to benefit the homeless in the Tri Cities area
- 200 students from Lord Baden-Powell and Roy Stibbs Elementary Schools will be part of award-winning entertainer Norman Foote's Christmas Show at the Evergreen Cultural Centre Dec. 15 and 16
- The kindergarten and grade 1 students at Kilmer Elementary sponsored a coat drive, while one of the intermediate classes collected items for Basics for Babies
- Each class at Anmore Elementary has adopted a charitable organization, with initiatives ranging from creating crafts to raising funds
- Many of our schools are participating in the Jimmy Christmas Food Hamper Program, Project Angel in conjunction with SHARE, Adopt a Family and Operation Shoebox
- The Aboriginal Education Program recently held a Post Secondary Fair at Central Elementary
- The annual Hog Wild About Reading Motorcycle Ride for Literacy coordinated by the Coquitlam Principal/Vice-Principals' Association raised over \$22,000
- Staff are working on the Achievement Report, which monitors progress on district goals

Director of Finance Bob Janzen outlined the funding formula changes and fiscal forecast. Due to the midyear funding formula changes and the need to resubmit data, confirmed enrolment and funding information is not available at this time as in previous years.

The Board voted to place ads in the local newspapers to communicate concerns regarding public education funding.