

SD43 International Education

Creating opportunities for everyone to learn and benefit.

Report to the Community – June 2018

Going Global Offers Local Benefits

SD43's International Education Programs are intended to achieve the goal of internationalization for the benefit of all students and employees, equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and experiences to be leaders in the globalized world of today and the future. By providing an exceptional international education program we create opportunities for all students to explore and share cultural experiences, broaden their global understanding, make new friends, and become better prepared for our globally connected world. We also create classroom spaces, jobs, and contribute \$60 million annually to Tri Cities businesses and families. By going global, SD43's International Education Program is creating numerous opportunities for everyone to learn and benefit.

International Education in B.C. and its Benefits for All

- 130,053 international students study in BC from 80 countries.
- 13% or 16,958 international students are hosted in the K-12 sector.
- In BC during 2015, international students spent \$3.5 billion.
- \$2.699 billion in the lower mainland/southwest region alone.
- \$387.8 million was spent at all BC public K-12 schools.
- \$2 billion and 29,300 jobs contributed to the provincial GDP.
- \$200 million contributed to the BC Government in tax revenue.
- 4th largest 'export' in BC after mineral fuels, wood and pulp.
- International students create jobs, economic growth, prosperity for all.

Data courtesy of: *An Assessment of the Economic Impact of International Education in British Columbia in 2010 and 2015 – Final Report.* Roslyn Kunin & Associates, Inc., January 2017.

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Canada's former Governor General, on international experience

"100% of our students should get an international experience, because we need to be global citizens. I want you to be ambassadors for this Canadian experiment: for reconciliation, for tolerance, for inclusiveness, for openness, for collaboration, for the possibility of Canada." The Governor General's shared a call to action with the 100 youth delegates. Converge 2017: Bright Minds. Bright Future.



Key Benefits of SD43's International Program

Adds personal, social, cultural and economic value to our students and communities.

Students learn about other cultures, make new friends, and become better prepared for our globally connected world and economies.

Teaching and support staff jobs are created that benefit all 32,000 students and 70 schools.

Families learn about new cultures and earn extra income hosting homestay students.

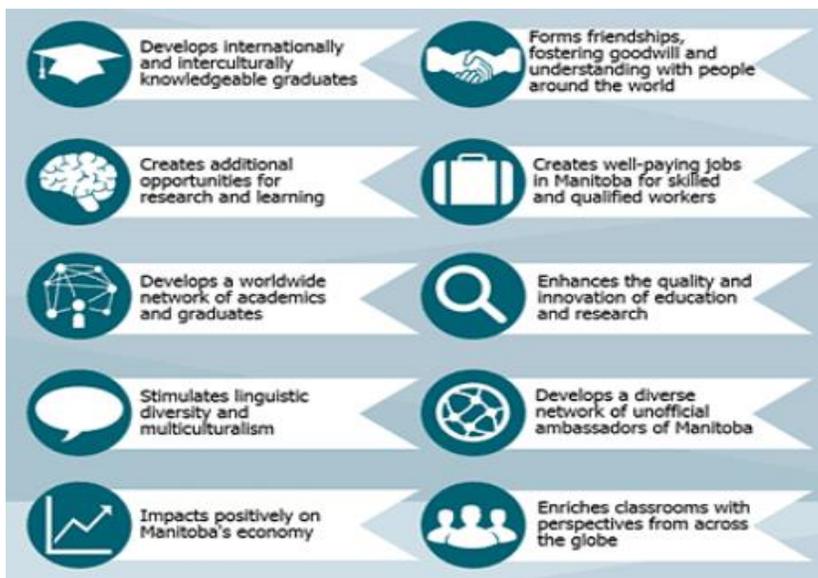
\$60 million is annually spent by international students in the Tri-Cities region on food, housing, entertainment, and many other discretionary purchases.

"International education has a vital role to play in creating jobs, economic growth and long-term prosperity in Canada."

From the Report of the Advisory Panel on Canada's International Education Strategy

Benefits for SD43 Students, Teachers and Classrooms

- \$37 million contributed annually to our operating budget so we can offer more supports for all students.
- Approximately 132 teaching jobs were created in 2017/2018.
- Approximately \$700,000 was contributed to directly support schools in 2017/2018.
- Students learn about other cultures and make new friends for life.
- Further enhances school environments by exploring cultural diversity and broadening global understanding.
- Students are better prepared for a globally connected world and economy.
- Students and families enjoy rich cultural experiences as students come from China, Brazil, Mexico, Germany and many other countries.
- Welcoming international students cultivates greater opportunities for cultural and educational exchanges for students and teachers.
- Students, teachers and administrators travel abroad on cultural exchanges to sister schools and numerous countries on several continents.



Source: Government of Manitoba, International Education Branch



“Through my years at Charles Best Secondary, I have been a friend with various international students. My relationships have established a curiosity of their culture and ways. I traveled to Japan and Korea to see first-hand the culture and customs. Many of the international students also strive to achieve their best at school, which has served as a great inspirational motive for me to accomplish my goals. I am grateful to have met students from around the world, as they have helped open my mind to new experiences and ideas.”

DB, Canadian student at Dr. Charles Best Secondary

Benefits for Tri-Cities Residents, Families and Businesses

- Families earn income hosting homestay while learning about other cultures.
- Businesses succeed - over \$30,000 per SD43 international student, or \$60 million in total, is spent annually in the Tri-Cities region on housing, food, entertainment, and more that benefit business, families and individuals.
- Municipal governments gain tax revenues to spend in their communities.
- Summer Programs generate over \$2 million translating into:
 - 100 summer teacher jobs;
 - 5000 volunteer hours for students;
 - homestay revenues for families \$10,000 - \$12,000 annually
 - spending in communities; and
 - a heightened international profile for our region which attracts investment and creates jobs.



Eadie Rawson, grade 10 international student from Australia

“My decision to be part of the SD43’s international program has been the most transformative and life changing decision that I’ve ever made. Not only was I given the opportunity to attend a Canadian Secondary school but as an elite athlete, I was also accepted into an elite performers program offered at Riverside Secondary. This has allowed me to get the most out of both school and gymnastics while making new friends.

My host family are by far the loveliest people I’ve ever met. They are very supportive and have accepted me into their family straight away. My host sister is incredible and is so helpful and has become a lifelong friend of mine. I feel I am part of the family, rather than just a visitor.”



George Wang

“My name is George Wang, and I am an international student from Dalian, China. Coquitlam School District has given me so many unforgettable memories.

I am a straight A student, enjoy volunteering as a tutor in Coquitlam Centre Library, play tennis at People’s Court, and love to socialize with my friends from all over the world.

I recently placed first in the Canadian Senior and Intermediate Mathematics Contest in Coquitlam – Intermediate Division. I am getting used to the school system and life in this wonderful city, with great relationships with responsible teachers and friends!”



As Canada’s and B.C.’s economies become increasingly globalized, the benefits of international education to our economy are substantial and cannot be neglected.”

Roslyn Kunin, award-winning labour economist and forecaster

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