



1. School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) thanked the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) for their generous donation of 10,000 masks and 56 500ml containers of sanitizer. The donation will help the school district provide additional safety measures for the students and staff.

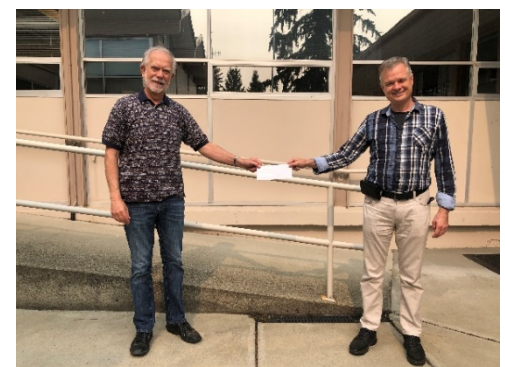
SD43 Superintendent Patricia Gartland, Secretary Treasurer Chris Nicolls, Board Chair, Kerri Palmer Isaak, Trustees Jennifer Blatherwick, Carol Cahoon, Craig Woods, Barb Hobson and Lisa Park honored Taipei Economic and Cultural Office Director General Andy Chen, Sherry Chen and James Chi. Other guests at the donation presentation on September 22 included, Member of Parliament for Port Moody-Coquitlam, Nelly Shin and City of Coquitlam Mayor Richard Stewart.

2. September 30<sup>th</sup> is Orange Shirt Day, an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children.



3. School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) received a generous donation of \$10,000 from the Port Moody Foundation for the purchase of laptops and/or internet data plans for Port Moody students enrolled in grades 6-12 in support of the SD43 "Bring Your Own Device" initiative or remote learning opportunities. The donation was made possible through funds raised by the Tri-Cities Foundation's Stay-at-Home Gala held in May to target COVID-19 issues.

The "Bring Your Own Device" or BYOD initiative invites families to send a device to school each day to be used in learning activities. SD43 is committed to developing digital responsibility in our students and recognizes that the majority of students will require a reasonable level of competency in using digital technology in the future.



Thank you to the Port Moody Foundation for providing students with more access to technology and for your support of digital literacy in our classrooms!



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4. The Ministry of Health has recently launched a two-week campaign to inform youth about the associated health risks of vaping products and electronic cigarettes.

With ongoing effort in cooperation with Fraser Health, School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) hopes to further reduce the use of these products among young people. Vaping resources and reference materials will be shared with families.

Some evidence in schools shows that there is a decline in the use of vaping products by SD43 students – a great start!

