

established, along with a variety of outreach measures to best support individual student transition to school. In addition, mental health resources have been curated on the district website and school and district-based staff continue to provide support and training opportunities in this area where appropriate.

Superintendent of Schools, Gina Niccoli-Moen, will acknowledge the efforts of all school and district staff and recognize the support and insight provided by the district's partner groups.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. District Vice-Principal - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

In June 2020, the Burnaby Board of Education unanimously passed a motion designed to engage with, listen to, and learn from the community the Burnaby School District serves—in particular, Indigenous people, Black people and people of colour.

The Board's motion stated that the district use a consultative process to develop a district anti-racism action plan that respects and honours the voices and lived experiences of those affected by systemic racism, implicit bias and/or discrimination.

In August, the Burnaby School District was pleased to welcome Beth Applewhite, District Vice-Principal—Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, to assist in this important work.

Beth Applewhite began her teaching career in the Burnaby School District, later serving as vice