North Vancouver School District
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

April 24, 2007

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Irene Young, our Secretary Treasurer, for scheduling this Board meeting so it would not conflict with our Canucks' hockey games!

This is a good opportunity to highlight some of the activities that are taking place in the School District and community. If you have the opportunity, please join us in celebrating the successes and accomplishments of our students, teachers, support staff, and administrators.

1. Intermediate Choral/Music Festival – April 24-25, 2007

During the past 27 years, the Intermediate Choral/Music Festival has been the centerpiece of the intermediate music program. This year's event, coordinated by Margaret Inglis and Michele Denny, is currently being held on April 24-25, 2007 at Centennial Theatre on Lonsdale Avenue. Thirty-one groups from participating schools are sharing their singing, recorder playing, drumming, and xylophone work with an audience of students, teachers, and parents. The Intermediate Choral/Music Festival elevates classroom work to a professional performance experience for students and their music teachers.

2. Day of Mourning – April 27, 2007

At the Public Board Meeting on November 28, 2006, the Board passed a motion to observe, on an annual basis, the National Day of Mourning. On Friday, April 27, 2007, schools and facilities in North Vancouver School District will fly flags at half-mast and have a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. to remember workers who have lost their lives as a result of work-related accidents or occupational diseases.

3. Sea to Sky Regional Heritage Fair – April 28, 2007

Students from Cove Cliff, Dorothy Lynas, Lynn Valley, Queen Mary, Queensbury, Ross Road, Upper Lynn, Carson Graham, Handsworth, and Sutherland schools are participating in the 6th Annual Sea to Sky Regional Heritage Fair on Saturday, April 28, 2007 between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Students have explored local history and over 100 of their history projects will be on display at the North Vancouver Museum and Archives' new Community History Centre, located at 3203 Institute Road, and in the adjacent Lynn Valley Elementary School.

An entertaining, educational, family-oriented Fair, this free event includes panning for gold, candy making, creating heritage hats, and performances by the North Shore Celtic Ensemble and the Squamish Nation's Eaglesong Dancers.

4. Provincial Concours – May 5, 2007

French Immersion, Late Immersion, and Francophone students competed on April 9, 2007 in the School District's Concours d'Art Oratoire at Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre. Winners of the competition are eligible to compete in the Provincial Concours at Simon Fraser University on May 5, 2007. On behalf of the Board and District staff and students, I would like to wish Alexandra, Brodie, Delphine, Ella, Geneviève, Matthew, Maya, Monika, Nahal, Noah, Robyn, Samantha, Shaffiq, and Tia bonne chance lors de l'épreuve au campus de SFU à Surrey.

5. Seycove School's Ubuntu Walk – May 6, 2007

During the past several years, Seycove students have engaged in the Ubuntu Project. The Project includes service and social responsibility activities that develop the concepts of citizenship, the importance of community, service to others, self-efficacy, goal setting, grade-wide communication, and a sense of belonging.

The challenge for this year's Ubuntu Project is to raise $25,000 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation to support victims of the AIDS pandemic in Africa. The community is invited to participate in the Ubuntu Walk on Sunday, May 6, 2007. Registration information is available at www.changeagents.com/ubuntu.

Former District employees Linda Loverock, Leslie Thomas, Cathy Pearce and members of the Seycove community are donating their time to sew school bags that will be filled with school supplies and delivered to students in an orphanage in South Africa. For more information about supporting this worthwhile project, please contact Andrea Yeo, ayeo@nvsd44.bc.ca.

6. *Big One at One* – Emergency Preparedness Week – May 6-12, 2007

North Vancouver School District is participating in the 2nd Annual North Shore *Big One at One—Drop, Cover, Hold*, an earthquake preparedness drill, on Friday, May 11, 2007. We thank Bernadette Woit, North Shore Schools Emergency Planning Coordinator, and Gord Kinney, Health and Safety Manager, for coordinating this emergency preparedness event.

7. Primary Days of Music – May 14-17, 2007

During the past 18 years, the Primary Days of Music has been the centerpiece of the primary music program in North Vancouver School District. This year's event, coordinated by Margaret Inglis and Bruce Sled, will include over 850 students. It is a much-loved event because it offers an opportunity for primary students to share music making with other performers in a non-threatening theatre-in-the-round setting. Three sessions run per day and parents are welcome to come and watch individual sessions. The Primary Days of Music is being held on May 14-17, 2007 at the Tsleil-Waututh Recreation Centre, located on Takaya Drive in North Vancouver.

8. A Tribute to Westview School – May 17, 2007

In preparation for the move to the new school, Westview School's staff and community cordially invite you to a *Tribute to Westview: Past, Present, and Future* on May 17, 2007. The self-guided tours begin at 10:00 a.m. The *Tribute* ceremony will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Westview School Gymnasium.

9. Youth Centennial Festival – May 21, 2007

North Vancouver School District is an official partner in the Youth Centennial Festival on Victoria Day, May 21, 2007 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. During the past year, 15 secondary students have been working with Lisa McCarthy, Community Development Worker (Youth Programs), to plan this Centennial event.

The Festival will take place at the Centennial Theatre parking lot off 23rd Street and Lonsdale Avenue, and at the City Skate Park and Norseman Field. There will be skateboard competitions, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, a climbing wall, a temporary tattoo parlour, bungee jumping, children's games, and arts and crafts sales. The Festival includes something for everyone—young, old, and in between—bands, dance performances, circus performers, martial arts presentations, a professional singing booth, stilt walkers, jugglers, face painters, professional balloonists, and a puppeteer. It is a wonderful opportunity for the community to feature and showcase the youth in North Vancouver.