North Vancouver School District
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

June 19, 2007

1. Performing at Carnegie Hall

This is the most memorable event in my whole life!

I loved the music.

Carnegie Hall was so impressive.

These are some of the comments from the 75 members of the Seycove Chamber and Women's Choirs who performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City on May 22, 2007. The students, from Grades 9 to 12, performed Mozart's *Vesperae solennes de Dominica* under the direction of Francesco Lentini, Guest Conductor.

The Seycove Choirs were given the unforgettable opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall after competing against 90 schools from North America and winning three gold and one silver medal in the Choral and Vocal Jazz categories at the Heritage Music Festival in Anaheim, California in May 2006. In July 2006, they competed against 30 choirs from around the world at the Kathaumixw Festival in Powell River and won 1st place positions in the Youth Choir and Best Performance categories.

The performance at Carnegie Hall gave each of the students a true sense of accomplishment. It is an incredible opportunity that will never be forgotten. We applaud the Seycove students and celebrate the gift of music that their teacher, Frank Lee, has given to each of them.

2. Handsworth Fundraising Efforts

In support of Lisa, one of their fellow students who is receiving cancer treatment, students at Handsworth Secondary School have fundraised throughout the year with a noon hour concert, a Grade 12 barbeque, and sales of Valentine's candy, t-shirts, and hats. Lisa and seven other Handsworth students proudly delivered a cheque in the amount of $1500 to the BC Children's Hospital Telethon during the 24-hour Miracle Weekend. Their donation will purchase medical equipment and support research.

3. Summer Series – Technology Workshops

Summer Information Technology Training Sessions are scheduled from July 9 through August 3, 2007 for District staff. Classes in Microsoft's Excel, PowerPoint, and Word, BCeSIS, FirstClass Email, and MAC's iPhoto, iMovie, and GarageBand are opportunities to learn new skills and technology tools. Our IT Training staff—Wendy Purnell, Chelan Rutherford, Melissa Vincent and Tara Manky—will be teaching between 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Training Lab at Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre. To register online, employees should follow the *Booking Central* link on the District's website at http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/LoginPage.aspx

4. Summer Instructional Institute 2007

From August 27 through 29, North Vancouver School District will be sponsoring the Summer Instructional Institute 2007 at Lucas Centre and Norgate Elementary School. Ainsley Rose, the Director of Education and Curriculum for the Western Quebec School Board in Gatineau, Quebec, will provide the Institute's opening address. Mr. Rose incorporates his experiences as an elementary

and secondary teacher, administrator, and instructor into his presentations on Effective Schools, Instructional Intelligence, and TRIBES training.

With over 100 sessions scheduled during the three-day Institute, there are presentations to meet the needs of every educator in every classroom and school across the District—critical thinking, collegial conferencing, classroom assessment, multiple intelligences, cooperative learning, classroom management, mind mapping, instructional strategies, or relationship building. There are ideas, concepts, and strategies that can be incorporated into every special needs, LAC, aboriginal, primary, intermediate, and secondary classroom in North Vancouver School District.

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5. Fall Conference 2007

North Vancouver School District is offering for the first time ever, a five-day conference designed for educators outside our School District. The Fall Conference is scheduled for October 1 through 5, 2007 at Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre. Jan Beesley, Barb Mathieson, Lisa Ottenbreit, Joanne Robertson, Shannon Sharp, and Gretchen Tolfo will be presenting full-day introductory workshops on North Vancouver School District's *Our Turn to Talk, Firm Foundations, Reading 44, Writing 44,* and *Math 44*.

Participants at the Fall Conference 2007 will have the option of attending the entire conference or selecting specific workshops only. School Districts are encouraged to send teams of interested classroom teachers, curriculum consultants, and administrators. Completion of a *Reading 44* or a *Math 44* introductory workshop will provide interested participants with the pre-requisite for registering for the North Vancouver School District's *Train the Trainer Sessions* planned for February 2008.

For more information and to register for the North Vancouver School District 44 Fall Conference 2007 workshops, please contact fallconference@nvsd44.bc.ca.

6. Strategic Directions Framework 2006/07 (June 2007 Progress Report)

Tremendous progress has been made during this school year to address the priorities identified within the *Strategic Directions Framework* in support of the Board Goals. In the coming weeks, the Progress Report will be refined to serve as the Annual Report of accomplishments during the 2006/2007 school year and as the basis for the development of priorities for 2007/2008 in support of the Board Goals.