North Vancouver School District
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

September 26, 2006

1. Update on Farzin Barekat: Our Canadian "Mathlete"

The June 2006 Superintendent's Report provided information about Farzin Barekat, a Grade 12 student at Sutherland Secondary School. In July, Farzin traveled to Ljubljana, Slovenia to compete in the *47th International Mathematical Olympiad*, a high-school competition for the world's future mathematicians. We would like to offer our most sincere congratulations to Farzin for his outstanding performance. He was awarded a silver medal in the *Olympiad* competitions.

The students were presented with three problems each day during the two-day competition. They are available at http://imo2006.dmfa.si/day1/eng.pdf and http://imo2006.dmfa.si/day2/eng.pdf.

2. Seycove Choir Competes at Kathaumixw Festival

Congratulations to the Seycove Chamber Choir who were awarded 1st Prize in the Youth Choir competition at the Kathaumixw International Choral Festival at Powell River in July 2006. The Seycove Choir, with Frank Lee as their Conductor, also received the *Elmer Iseler Award* for the Best Performance of a Canadian Work.

The 11th International Kathaumixw Choral Festival, a "gathering together of different peoples," brought together five host choirs from Canada and over twenty international choirs from Australia, China, Taiwan, Uganda, the Philippines, United States, Ukraine, and Canada. It was a colourful pageantry of international costumes and friendships—all brought together by the international language of music.

The Seycove Chamber Choir has been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City in May 2007. We are extremely proud of the outstanding dedication, commitment, and talents of our students and staff.

3. Strategic Directions Framework 2006/07

The *Strategic Directions* for 2006/2007 has now been drafted for review by the Board of School Trustees. The *Strategic Directions* for 2006/07 identify the priority initiatives and activities intended to support the achievement of the Board's Goals. Progress towards the accomplishment of the broad priorities will be closely monitored during the course of the 2006/07 school year. Adjustments to the priorities will be made to reflect emergent issues and changes arising from the availability of resources.

The final *Strategic Directions* for 2006/2007 will be prepared for presentation to the Board of Trustees for adoption at the October 24 Board Meeting.