North Vancouver School District
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

November 28, 2006

1. TSC Users Conference

The North Vancouver School District recently hosted a *TSC Users Conference* on November 7 to 10, 2006 at the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC. TSC, Total Solutions Computing Software, is used by several school districts in Canada and the USA. Over 250 delegates attended the TSC Users Conference from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Montana. Nineteen TSC Software representatives also attended. Delegates attended workshops and presentations on the different components of the software—BAS, OPS, PRM, MMG, MIS—systems that are used for purchasing, human resources, payroll, budgeting, and accounting functions.

Staff in North Vancouver School District's Accounting, Human Resources, I.T., Payroll, and Purchasing Departments put countless hours into making the *Conference* a successful event. Special recognition goes to Linda Loverock, Flavia Maller (Conference Chairperson), Rena Violato, Chris Hillis and Stephen Lamb who shared their software knowledge and provided the organizational skills to make the *TSC Users Conference* a success.

2. Seycove: Excellence in Education

Seycove Secondary School has received an Honourable Mention in the 2006 *Garfield Weston Awards for Excellence in Education* in British Columbia. In the category of *Improvement in Academics* for secondary schools in British Columbia, Seycove competed against 30 schools that had been short-listed for the award. The awards are based on an analysis of improvement over a series of years. In British Columbia, data from 280 secondary schools was compared in selecting the *Improvement in Academics* award.

Seycove staff members celebrated their success at a reception and awards dinner at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel on November 7, 2006. Public recognition of Seycove's success is well deserved. We congratulate the Seycove students on their accomplishments and the staff, parents, and community for their contribution to the success of all learners.

The W. Garfield Weston Foundation was established in 1958 in honour of Willard Garfield Weston, a Canadian who established successful businesses throughout Canada and the world. The Foundation's awards and grants are provided for innovative work in the areas of education and the environment.

3. YWCA Real Story Competition

Cherry Gao, a student at Sutherland Secondary School, is a finalist in the *Senior Essay* category of the YWCA's *Real Story Competition*. Over 600 students from the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, Howe Sound, and the Sunshine Coast are competing in the 2006 *Competition*. The YWCA launched the *Real Story Competition* in 1997 to encourage students to explore their goals and dreams for the future by writing about real women who have been an inspiration to them.

The *10th Annual Real Story Awards Ceremony,* honouring Cherry and her fellow finalists, will be held tomorrow evening, November 29, 2006, at the The Centre for Performing Arts in Vancouver. Congratulations on being selected, Cherry. We wish you success.

4. Handsworth and Argyle Co-Host Provincial Volleyball Championship

Handsworth and Argyle Secondary Schools are co-hosting the *Provincial AAAA Girls' Volleyball Championship Tournament* on November 30 through December 2, 2006. On behalf of the North Vancouver School District, I am delighted to welcome the athletes, coaches, parents, sponsors, and volunteers to the *Tournament*.

All of the qualifying teams have already achieved a great deal of success through the season as they have progressed towards this event. The development of individual skills, team play, and strategy throughout the season will undoubtedly be showcased during the *Championship Tournament*. The countless hours of practice, league play, and participation in tournaments will ensure that all teams are well prepared. The training and guidance of coaches and the support and encouragement of parents, family, and friends will help ensure that all athletes will perform to their potential.

We extend our thanks to the coaches and volunteers who are dedicating many hours of their personal time to provide the opportunity for our young women to cover together and compete in this *Championship*. We wish the competitors and their supporters the very best for a great tournament and a memorable stay in North Vancouver.

5. Wind, Rain, and Snow

During the past month, we have experienced some extreme weather situations—overflowing drains, unsafe drinking water, power outages, leaks, freezing temperatures, endless rainfall, and toppling trees. Our staff has coped with the inconveniences and the safety issues with a positive attitude and dedication.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the School District's Custodial and Maintenance staff for keeping us safe, warm, and operational, despite the weather conditions.