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**Board Report  
October 14, 2020**

I am pleased to share an update on the work of the Board since the last report in September.

We are all adapting to the “new normal” placed upon us by the pandemic, and the Board has continued with much of its work through online meetings, conferences and events. Trustees continue to come together on district committees, and BCSTA committees, meetings and provincial council, and innovate on advocacy and support for our district.

During school start up, communication has been key and regular updates have been provided to our school communities through the superintendent’s office... and Superintendent Tinney will provide a further update later this evening. We will also hear about projects undertaken by the District Facilities Centre staff who continued to work during the summer to progress and complete projects covered under the annual facilities grant. If the pandemic has not given us enough to contend with, staff are also dealing with the provision and preparation of school sites for the provincial election taking place this month.

In any year, the work undertaken by our employees is tremendous; this year staff’s capacity to adapt and continue to move forward has been exceptional and on behalf of the Board of Education, I’d like to take the opportunity to thank all staff once again for the contribution that each one makes to the functioning of our district.

**World Teachers’ Day – October 5th**

As with most events this year, World Teachers’ Day was celebrated through events that took place online. 2020 has been a challenging year for teachers everywhere, and on behalf of the Board, I want to especially recognize our teachers in Surrey who have exhibited amazing flexibility and worked tirelessly to provide not only quality education under the current circumstances, but have continued to demonstrate their passion for

teaching and compassion for their students.

#### Take Our Kids to Work Day

In past years the district has hosted secondary students in the workplace to assist in their exploration of careers. This year on November 4<sup>th</sup>, the district will participate virtually in the many opportunities to engage students in the real world of work. This will be unlike any other year, but we anticipate the ability of all concerned to adapt during the pandemic will lead to a positive and valuable experience.

Thank you.