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**Board Report  
March 10, 2021**

I am pleased to report on the work of the Board since our last update.

**Advocacy and Liaison**

Over the past few weeks, Trustees have represented the Board and district at BCSTA Provincial Council, Metro and Committee meetings, and various district and stakeholder committees and meetings.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, the Board met with members of the STA executive for our annual liaison meeting. Not surprisingly, the impact of COVID-19 in our schools and on teachers was forefront on the agenda. There has been much collaboration over the past months, and the meeting provided an opportunity to share experiences, challenges and successes despite the pandemic. Together the Board, district and school teams are continuing to plan with health, safety and well-being of staff and students top of mind.

Last week on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Board met with Surrey MPs and discussed the impact of the pandemic on district budgets, immigration and enrolment; and emphasized the need for continued federal funding to support programs and services.

Earlier this evening, trustees and executive had a productive meeting with the Mayor of White Rock, City Councillors and administration. Topics related to budget, COVID, and those specific to the South Surrey/White Rock areas.

**Community Consultation**

This year, in light of the pandemic, the Board has taken a different approach to our annual community consultation and gone fully online to receive your input. Presentations on the Budget for 2021, Blended Learning and Capital Projects are available for viewing on the district website and you are invited to provide your feedback and input via an online survey, email or your local PAC. The Board values your input and you are encouraged to participate if you have not already done so.

In closing, I would like to add and reiterate some of the words from Vice-Chair Allen this evening and say how pleased we are to be recognized as one of BC's Top Employers. As a Board we are proud to be able to provide a supportive environment for our staff to do the amazing work that you do every day.

Thank you.