

January 13, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

You may recall receiving a letter before the winter break regarding British Columbia's redesigned K-12 curriculum that is being phased in over the next three years.

The letter advised that the Ministry of Education had announced a plan to support teachers in implementing this curriculum. It requires all school districts to schedule ten new hours of teacher training time or two additional non-instructional days, within the current 2015-2016 school year. The letter also provided notice that Burnaby would be scheduling these two additional non-instructional days in April and/or May of 2016.

The District's 2015/16 school calendar has now been amended and the following dates approved as additional non-instructional days: **Tuesday**, **April 26** and **Friday**, **May 13**.

Please note that schools will not be in session for students on these days.

Burnaby teachers and staff have been doing some amazing and innovative work to transition to this redesigned curriculum. We are pleased that teachers have been given additional time to further familiarize themselves with a curriculum designed to enhance the learning experience for all BC students.

Should you have any questions regarding your school's calendar, please do not hesitate to contact your school directly.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Burnaby Schools.

Sincerely,

Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent of Schools

