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## **Surrey Board of Education Recognition: Mr. Tsai Ching Lin and Ms. Mei Hui Tsai**

In this information age, we are increasingly a global community. Through the use of the Internet, our students are able to communicate, share and learn about other cultures. But nothing compares to the experience of actually living in another country. This is the ultimate way to learn about and appreciate another culture, and also to have a very enriching life experience.

However, as we know, the opportunity to live and learn in another country is hard to come by for most students because of the cost.

So, our board is very grateful for, and pleased to recognize the efforts and generosity of Mr. Tsai Ching Lin and his wife, Ms. Mei Hui Tsai.

This year will be the tenth anniversary of an exchange program that has so far, enabled 80 Grade 10 students from Elgin Secondary to study at Lin's Shuzen college in Taiwan for three weeks each December over Christmas and into the New Year. This year, for the first time, Panorama Ridge students will participate. The couple covers all costs for the flight, accommodation and courses for the students and an accompanying teacher.

Since 2008, the Lins have also sponsored nine district students to attend their college's Chinese Language program. The Lins cover the costs of the dorm, tuition and books for this year-long program.

The Lins are great believers in the value of education, as well as the B.C. education system, as well as the staff and students of the Surrey school district. Indeed, their support and largess extends to educators, international and post-secondary education, and beyond.

The Surrey Board of Education recognizes Tsai Ching Lin and Mei Hui Tsai for extraordinary generosity and support of education and Surrey School District students.

*Photos are below. Click on the image to download a high-resolution copy.*



*Surrey Board of Education chairperson Shawn Wilson (left), with Mr. Tsai Ching Lin and his wife, Ms. Mei Hui Tsai.*