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Surrey Board of Education Recognition: Mr. Mike McKay

Tonight, trustees have a difficult duty and an impossible task. We must say goodbye to our current superintendent as this is his last public board meeting before retiring...and we have the impossible task of suitably recognizing and honouring the contributions Mike McKay has made to this board...to our district...to our students...and to our community, over the last eight-and-a-half years.

I'm not going to attempt to recount Mike's many accomplishments in the time we have here tonight, except to note his record in this district—whether around student performance, educational goals and innovation, operational efficiency, partnerships, community support and more—his record...his legacy in this district, is something this board is intensely proud of and one that has set a benchmark in many ways.

I think Mike's focus...his priority...is clear in what we might call, "Mike's Mantra" of: *Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day*. He has been successful because of his passion for education and his belief in the importance and the difference educators make in supporting, shaping and preparing the young minds destined to lead us. For Mike it's about helping children explore, then realize their potential...while thoroughly enjoying the journey.

The Surrey Board of Education recognizes Mike McKay for his legacy of success and his exceptional leadership and support for the students, staff and board of the Surrey School District.



Surrey Board of Education chairperson Shawn Wilson (left) with Mike McKay.