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### **Surrey Board of Education Recognition: Mr. Bruce Yantz**

It seems very appropriate for this time of year that the board has the opportunity tonight to recognize someone who has been amazingly generous in donating his time to help others; specifically, supporting district students.

The Foundations special education program was developed by the Surrey School District to address the needs of at-risk youth, aged 16 to 19, who have learning and behaviour challenges. The program helps students acquire literacy and life skills for successful employment and a healthy lifestyle.

Bruce Yantz has been an enthusiastic and dedicated volunteer with the Foundations Program for the past four years. Mr. Yantz is a retired Red Seal Sheet Metal Worker, as well as a former instructor of a highly-successful sheet metal program for at-risk youth.

Over the last four years, he has devoted his time every week to encourage and help Foundations students learn a trade and pursue career opportunities.

Beyond this, he has organized industry tours, helped to develop the Foundations' "Introduction to Trades" program, instructed students on a variety of trades-related projects and linked many students to work experience sponsors.

Mr. Yantz has a great passion for helping young people find their path to success. He freely shares his time and expertise and continues to be an integral part of the Foundations Program.

The Surrey Board of Education recognizes Bruce Yantz for your exceptional dedication and caring support of Foundations Program students.

I invite Mr. Yantz to the podium, as well as Foundations Program teachers Debbie Holmes and Mark Flynn.



*Surrey Board of Education chairperson Shawn Wilson (left) with Bruce Yantz.*