

Music is a gift that connects people. Through their involvement in music, students have the chance to meet new people, find new ways of expressing themselves and develop lifelong skills of listening and collaboration. Burnaby's teachers provide rich and varied opportunities, both choral and instrumental, in our schools and the benefits are seen both inside and outside of the music room. This term, there have been more than 100 performances by elementary and secondary schools.

Tonight, we will hear from the Burnaby Central Secondary School's Chamber A Choir. This choir, under the direction of music teacher, Carrie Taylor, is an auditioned choir that meets twice a week outside of class time. These 39 students also belong to the school's Concert Choir. They have had a busy performance season as they performed at Burnaby Central Secondary's Remembrance Day Assemblies, at the University of British Columbia's Invitational Choral Festival, at their own Winter Concert, and at the theatre department's cabaret night.

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THAT the Board of Education receive this information.