

## Report cards go digital in North Vancouver

Report cards in the North Vancouver school district underwent a transformation in December 2016. After a year-long online reporting pilot project at a single school in 2016, the district moved the distribution of its report cards entirely to the MyEducation BC portal for the first time. The rationale for this move was to begin to align with the new directions of communicating student learning on an ongoing basis, and to streamline the report card process.



With over 18,000 students in the district, it was no small feat to get every student's report card online. Student contacts needed to be merged, parent emails had to be confirmed, parent accounts needed to be set up, and a large amount of information had to be entered in to the system. Coupled with online publishing, North Vancouver also created a new template for K-7 report cards that compliments the new curriculum.

The timeline for the project was short, starting in October and publishing in early December. The transition wasn't without its hiccups, but the district is finding plenty of benefits to the move online, such as reducing errors in student data, providing opportunities for parents to engage in their child's education, and saving labour costs required to produce paper report cards. Having access to data about which parents have looked at their child's report card is also proving beneficial.

"I think down the road, the benefit will be the ability to report and communicate frequently with parents, and for parents to be able to log on whenever they want," said Kathleen Barter, district administrator. "Overall, it's been very positive. Parents have commented on the anti-climactic nature of the online report card, and how it has changed the shape of their conversations with their children."

The district is looking forward to future portal enhancements, and students will be joining their parents online in the near future.

## MyEducation BC Academy coming May 15-16, 2017



CSISC and the Ministry of Education will host the MyEducation BC Academy educational conference May 15-16, 2017 at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC. Get advanced lessons on using MyEducation BC, learn more about the transformation of education within British Columbia, and connect with like-minded people from across the province. Registration will open in early

March. More details on accommodation, workshops and tracks, and registration to come soon. Watch [myeducationbc.info](http://myeducationbc.info) for information and updates.

## Interior Health's school-aged immunization pilot shows benefits of MyEducation BC partnership

A pilot project at Interior Health is showing several benefits for schools and public health. Through the pilot, two schools from SD23 were chosen to implement the Student Information Exchange (STIX) as part of the school immunization program. STIX enables student data from MyEducation BC to be securely transferred to Panorama, the electronic public health record.

BC students in grades six and nine [receive immunizations at school](#) for diseases such as hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV), and tetanus. Every year schools provide class lists through various methods to public health to aide in the delivery of school-aged immunizations. This can be a time-consuming process for both schools and public health nurses.

STIX is changing that. Through a partnership with MyEducation BC through the BC Centre for Disease Control, accurate, up-to-date student data from MyEducation BC will be transferred to Panorama four times per year. This new process enhances security of personal information being shared and streamlines processes for more effective planning of immunization services. Interior Health's pilot project measured the impacts of STIX in participating schools, and found that in 87 per cent of cases, students records were matched to their counterparts in Panorama without human intervention. Ten per cent of students were not yet in Panorama, prompting the creation of a new file. A final three per cent of records required manual review to match them with the correct Panorama file.

The information can also be used to identify unimmunized and under-immunized students who are at risk in the event of a disease outbreak, and assist public health staff to move forward in other projects related to the school immunization.

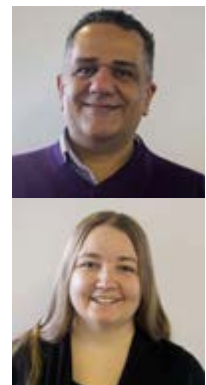
Interior Health has shown the results of this pilot to public health officers and government, and plans to rollout STIX across the entire health authority in 2017. Other programs, such as personalized consent forms, will be implemented incrementally throughout the region by 2020.

## Ministry of Education welcomes new staff to MyEducation BC team

On January 3, 2017, the Ministry of Education welcomed two new staff who will help support MyEducation BC.

Ebrahim "Ebi" Salemi is a Senior Business Analyst. His work will focus upon requirements definition, testing, and service development for MyEducation BC.

Melanie Huggett is a Client Relations Coordinator and will focus on communications and change management, planning the MyEducation BC Academy, and supporting the Service Management Council.



## SMC Standing Committee Corner

The Service Management Council (SMC) is comprised of representatives from each school district appointed by each superintendent. The SMC has four standing committees: Operations and Standards Committee, Student Learning Committee, Software Enhancement Committee, and Data Integration Committee. These committees, along with the Counsellors Working Group, provide guidance and input on the evolution of MyEducation BC. The following table contains brief updates from the SMC's committees and Counsellor's Working Group. For more information, contact your district's SMC representative, which is listed under "MyED BC Contact" on the [School Districts - Basic Information page](#).

Group	What We're Up To	Contact
<b>Operations &amp; Standards Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Completed substantial update to current PDF Standards Manual, to be published mid-February, and working on new, web-based manual to be released later this year</li> <li>➤ Three working groups established to work on attendance, continuing courses, and the withdrawal wizard</li> <li>➤ In January, 2017, submitted two items to SMC, referred six items to other standing committees, and completed and closed eight items; continue to investigate 14 additional items</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Phil Luporini</a>
<b>Student Learning Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Met January 25, 2017 for the first time</li> <li>➤ Forwarding two recommendations to SMC executive regarding removing Average Summaries from the Family Portal</li> <li>➤ Building one enhancement request regarding what is shown on the Details side tab under the Academics top tab</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Jarrod Bell</a>
<b>Software Enhancement Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Committee continues to work with Fujitsu to improve the functionality of the Marks Verification Report</li> <li>➤ Of the 16 remaining 2016/17 enhancements requests, seven projected solutions are being worked through with Fujitsu, four will be included in a future version of MyEducation BC, three are being reviewed further with Fujitsu, and one has been removed due to complexity</li> <li>➤ Subcommittees are meeting over the next 4-5 weeks to review and rank over 200 enhancement requests received for 2017/18</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Surinder Brar</a>
<b>Data Integration Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Initial meetings on January 18 and February 1, 2017</li> <li>➤ Currently identifying committee skillsets, needs, and priorities</li> <li>➤ Exploring potential of SIS-EARS</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Peter Jory</a>
<b>Counsellors Working Group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Identifying areas for improvement: DVRs and reports (e.g., attendance, failures list, less than four, etc.)</li> <li>➤ Exploring At Risk functionality in SDTest</li> <li>➤ Creating a counsellors guide for useful reports and quick tips, looking at means of disseminating the information to school counsellors, and creating a space for collaborative talk about MyEducation BC with counsellors across the province</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Trisha Umlah</a> or <a href="#">Iain Lancaster</a>

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