

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN)

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learners Today and Tomorrow

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Territories and Metis Community
2. Agenda
3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 8, 2023
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. **EDUCATION**
 - a) South Central Interior Distance Education School Update
 - b) Board Authority Authorized Courses
 - c) Merritt Secondary School Cameras
 - d) Truth and Reconciliation – Equity Scan Update
 - e) Early Learning Update
 - f) Graduation Ceremonies and Year End Activities
 - * g) Superintendent’s Report
6. **OPERATIONS**
 - a) Coquihalla Learning Centre/ Kengard Learning Centre Update
 - b) Riverside Learning Centre Update
 - c) Capital Plan Bylaw

7. **AUDIT AND FINANCE**
 - a) 2023-2024 Estimated Operating Grant
 - b) 2023-2024 Budget Consultation
8. **POLICY**
 - a) Policy Updates and Development
9. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**
 - * a) Student Trustee Reports
 - * b) P.A.C. Reports
 - * c) Other Reports
10. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a) Request for support - Merritt Skateboard Park Lighting
11. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN)
PRINCETON SECONDARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

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PRESENT:	Chairperson	G. Swan
	Trustees	J. Jepsen J. Kent-Laidlaw E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth L. Ward D. Rainer
	Student Trustees	K. Druck K. Hartwell (Absent)
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Kempston (Absent)
	Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Rusnjak
	Executive Assistant	J. McGifford

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES AND METIS COMMUNITY

AGENDA

23/025 It was moved and seconded:

 THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

23/026

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting February 8, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Field Trip Princeton Secondary School:

Princeton Secondary School Teachers Kirk McConnell and Renee Hartwell spoke to the proposed field trip to Italy in March 2024.

23/027

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board support Princeton Secondary School's proposed trip to Italy in March 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

Trades and Skills:

District Skills and Trades Coordinator, Principal Kevin McGifford, presented an update on the growth and success of the SD 58 Youth Train in Trades program over the 2022-2023 school year.

Riverside Learning Center Update:

The Superintendent provided an update on Riverside Learning Centre. Topics included The Bridge; community use of the facility; recent Leaseholder meetings; and the New Space Grant Application. The decision made on the request for proposal for Architectural Services, the request for proposal for Third Party Service Provider as well as the Ministry of Education and Childcare site visit were also discussed.

Director of Instruction – Inclusive Education

Director of Instruction – Inclusive Education, Misty Sheldon, provided her report on areas of focus and priority. She spoke to the many accomplishments made in these areas over the last six months.

Local Education Agreement Update:

Superintendent McNiven provided an update on Community Meetings, the Regional First Nations Steering Committee Sessions, student data sharing and reviews, the progress made on the new Indigenous Programs and Services manual, and the upcoming Local Education Agreement meeting on March 14, 2023.

French Immersion Program Update:

The Superintendent spoke to the chart in the Board Package that outlined the concerns brought forward by French Immersion families last month and provided an update on the action taken thus far.

2023-2024 District Calendar:

The Superintendent brought forward the 2023-2024 Calendar for the Board's approval to be submitted to the Ministry of Education for their approval.

23/028

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2023-2024 Calendar be submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval.

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendents Report:

The Superintendent provided his report reflecting on the many events that occurred across the district over the past month. He expressed thanks to our Learning Commons Teachers for supporting reading across the district.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Merritt Central Elementary Flood Damage Repairs:

Secretary Treasurer Richardson spoke to the memo in the Board Package that outlines the ongoing work and progress made in the flood restorations to Merritt Central Elementary School.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Enrolment Projections:

The Secretary Treasurer provided Trustees with the three-year estimated enrolments that were submitted to the Ministry on Feb 15, 2023. These projections are used by the Ministry to prepare for the 2023/2024 preliminary operating grants that construct the 2023/2024 annual budget.

Dates of Public consultation on 2023/2024 Budget:

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the memo in the board package and discussed the Budget Planning Process for the 2023/2024 Annual (Preliminary) Budget.

POLICY

Policy Development:

The Superintendent spoke to the memo in the board package that outlined the suggested amendments to Policies 611, 610 and 280. Trustees had the opportunity to review and discuss the suggested amendments. The Superintendent will draft an updated version of each policy incorporating the proposed changes. Once ready, the amended policies will be available for public feedback for approximately three weeks before going to the Board for second reading in April.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Reports:

Student Trustee Kaelan Druck reported on Princeton Secondary School activities.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES and Collettsville Elementary.

Trustee Rainer did not report on Vermilion Forks Elementary.

Trustee Hoisington reported that Nicola Canford Elementary PAC meets next week.

Trustee Ward reported on John Allison Elementary.

Trustee Kent-Laidlaw reported on Princeton Secondary School.

Trustee Jepsen reported on Diamond Vale Elementary and Merritt Central Elementary.

Trustee Swan reported that Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary School will meet next week.

Aboriginal Advisory Council Update:

Superintendent McNiven presented on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting that took place January 31, 2023.

Other Reports:

Board Chair Swan reported on the recent BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting and the upcoming election of Executive Members.

Trustee Rainer provided an update from the recent BCPSEA Provincial Council and OLRC meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer



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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

P.O. Box 4100, 1550 Chapman Street, Merritt, B.C., V1K 1B8, Phone: (250) 378-5161

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trustees

**FROM: Stephen McNiven
Superintendent of Schools**

**RE: SOUTH CENTRAL INTERIOR DISTANCE
EDUCATION SCHOOL UPDATE**

DATE: April 6, 2023

Dan Duncan, Principal of South Central Interior Distance Education School (SCIDES), will provide an update on the transition to a Provincial Online School Provider and new initiatives planned for the 2023/2024 school year. Topics will include:

- Transition to Brightspace
- Continuous growth:
 - By virtue of becoming a POLS
 - Developing Spanish course(s)
 - Partnership with Okanagan Hockey Academy
 - Potential for huge growth in this area
 - Board Authority/Authorized Courses
- Three Year plan for supporting Indigenous students

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trustees

FROM: Jane Kempston
Assistant Superintendent

RE: **BOARD AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED COURSES (BAA)** DATE: April 6, 2023

The Okanagan Hockey Club Academy (Kelowna) approached SCIDES regarding developing courses for their student athletes that would meet the requirements of the Ministry of Education and Childcare and the needs of students and families. SCIDES engaged in the course development, with the understanding that these courses are not replacing any courses that are a part of graduation requirements, and that four of the courses will not be limited to students involved in hockey. The work that has been done by SCIDES staff is to be commended and we will work collaboratively to ensure equity, inclusion, and diversity within these course offerings.

The 7 courses include:

- Hockey Academy 10
- Hockey Academy 11
- Hockey Academy 12
- Athletic Leadership (11/12)
- Living With Character (10)
- High Performance Athlete 11
- High Performance Athlete 12

I would recommend that these courses be approved with the understanding that we will work collaboratively to ensure that these courses reflect the depth and breadth of students who may be looking for this kind of opportunity.

JK/sc



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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trustees

**FROM: Stephen McNiven
Superintendent of Schools**

**RE: MERRITT SECONDARY SCHOOL CAMERA
REQUEST**

DATE: April 6, 2023

Principal, Adriane Mouland will provide Trustees with an overview of the request for interior cameras at Merritt Secondary School. Areas of information being brought forward will include the following:

- An overview of concerns and corrective measures taken prior to the request
- Rationale for considering interior cameras at Merritt Secondary School
- Stakeholder input
- Anecdotal information regarding the impact of cameras in other districts
- Potential camera locations and security measures across the district
- District Policy 901.5 Video Surveillance at School Sites

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trustees

FROM: Jane Kempston
Assistant Superintendent

RE: **TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – EQUITY
SCAN UPDATE**

DATE: April 6, 2023

The Equity Scan Committee has worked with AAC members to determine best practices/processes regarding an online survey for families. A long form and a short form questionnaire were sent to all Indigenous student families in the District.

The two surveys were sent out to all Indigenous parents and families on March 17 and then a reminder email was sent again on April 4. So far, responses have been fairly limited, but we will continue to encourage parents and families to engage if they so desire.

Community meetings are currently being organized based on the preferences and recommendations of Education Coordinators and Community leaders. We are excited to have these take place and are deeply grateful to Ed Coordinators and community leaders who are so thoughtfully helping us to come up with a plan/process that they feel will best fit their community's needs and wants.

We are very much looking forward to analyzing the feedback and moving forward with our Equity in Action Plan based on this important information from parents and families.

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EQUITY SCAN



What is an Equity Scan?

Equity is ensuring every learner gets what he/she needs to be successful. An Equity Scan is a process that works to identify and address barriers that may impact Indigenous student success and achievement.

Why is SD58 conducting an Equity Scan?

An Equity Scan will help us to better understand the experiences of Indigenous learners in SD 58 in order to improve educational outcomes.

Who participates in an Equity Scan?

In SD 58, we are asking for participation in an online survey from all stakeholder groups, including:

- Indigenous Parents/Guardians
- Indigenous Students
- Indigenous Community Partners
- SD 58 Staff

How is an Equity Scan Conducted?

Representatives from stakeholder groups were invited to develop the Equity Scan questions which make up our online surveys. These stakeholder representatives will use the findings of the Equity Scan surveys, community meetings, and interviews to create an Action Plan designed to improve the experiences of Indigenous learners in SD 58.

SD 58's EQUITY SCAN SURVEY:

Your input is valuable and will guide our work to improve educational outcomes for Indigenous learners. Survey responses are anonymous and will be considered along with input from others.

Please consider completing either the short or long survey:

Short Survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/pJ05r4M6Rs>

Long Survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/kaSJRqj2FB>

Online Surveys
March-April
2023

Community
Meetings and
Interviews
April-
May 2023

Analysis of
Feedback
May 2023

Determine
Potential Actions
for Change
May-June
2023

Draft Action
Plan
Consultation
June 2023

Implementation
of Plan
September 2023



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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trustees

**FROM: Stephen McNiven
Superintendent of Schools**

**RE: EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE
UPDATE**

DATE: March 6, 2023

Daniella Bennie, District Vice-Principal of Early Learning and Child Care will provide an update on the following initiatives:

- Seamless Child Care
- Ready Set Learn
- Strengthening the Early Years to Kindergarten Transitions (SEY2KT)
- New Spaces Grant
- Little Big People Event
- Summer Learning

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trustees

FROM: Stephen McNiven
Superintendent of Schools

RE: **YEAR END ACTIVITIES**

DATE: April 6, 2023

This agenda item will provide Trustees with an opportunity to plan for year-end activities and select representation for the following activities:

Year End Activities:

- SD58 POW WOW – May 24, 2023
- District Track Meet – June 2, 2023
- Fine Arts Celebration
- Band Concerts

Graduation:

- Aboriginal Graduation – June 8, 2023
- Merritt Secondary School – June 15, 2023
- Princeton Secondary School – June 17, 2023
- Kengard Learning Centre – June 22, 2023

Staff Recognition:

- Long Service and Retirement Recognition – Tentative - June 5 (Princeton) & June 6 (Merritt)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trustees

FROM: Dylan Richardson
Secretary Treasurer/CFO

RE: KENGARD LEARNING CENTRE / COQUIHALLA
LEARNING CENTRE UPDATE

DATE: April 6, 2023

Trustees are advised of the following updates for Kengard Learning Centre (KLC) and former Coquihalla Middle School (CMS).

Kengard Learning Centre

Two not-for-profit organizations submitted emergent letters of request (letters enclosed), looking for office space: 1) Kamloops Infant Development Society; and 2) Insight Support Services.

Under the direction of Chair Swan, and considering the emergent nature of the letters, senior staff worked with both agencies to offer office space at KLC through a lease agreement. Insight Support Services has since entered into a short-term lease contract with the district. Kamloops Infant Development Society declined the district's offer; senior staff were disappointed that we were unable to support this important community-based program.

With the Community Learning Centre operating out of CMS, it is SCIDES and Insight Support Services that continue to occupy this space.

Former Coquihalla Middle School

CMS currently houses our IT department (Manager of IT plus three technicians) and the Community Learning Centre. Window shutters are operational and the maintenance team have replaced all broken windows being used for learning spaces with the remaining windows being replaced in the near future. We would like to thank our operations team for their hard work.

Dylan Richardson
Secretary Treasurer/CFO

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trustees

**FROM: Stephen McNiven
Superintendent of Schools**

RE: RIVERSIDE LEARNING CENTRE UPDATE

DATE: April 6, 2023

Senior staff will provide Trustees with an update on Riverside Learning Centre. Topic areas will include the following:

- Community Use
- New Space Grant Application
 - Ministry of Education and Childcare Site Visit
 - Architectural Design Process
 - Third Party Service Provider Request for Proposal Decision
 - Updated Timeline

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trustees

FROM: Dylan Richardson
Secretary Treasurer/CFO

RE: Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD58-01

DATE: April 6, 2023

Trustees will find enclosed the capital plan response letter from the Capital Management Branch for Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD58-01 for four projects that have received approval:

1. PSS HVAC Upgrades
2. MSS HVAC Upgrades
3. Riverside HVAC Upgrades
4. Merritt Bench Playground

An opportunity will be provided for discussion and Trustees will be requested to approve Capital Plan Bylaw for 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading.

Dylan Richardson
Secretary Treasurer/CFO

DR/jmg



March 9, 2023

Ref: 288311

To: Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent
School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen)

Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD58-01

Re: Ministry Response to the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for 2023/24

This letter is in response to your School District's 2023/24 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submissions for Major Capital Programs and Minor Capital Programs and provides direction for advancing supported and approved capital projects. **Please see all bolded sections below for information.**

The Ministry has reviewed all 60 school districts' Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submissions for Major Capital Programs and Minor Capital Programs to determine priorities for available capital funding in the following programs:

- Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP)
- Expansion Program (EXP)
- Replacement Program (REP)
- Site Acquisition Program (SAP)
- Rural District Program (RDP)
- School Enhancement Program (SEP)
- **School Food Infrastructure Program (FIP)***
- Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)
- Building Envelope Program (BEP)
- Playground Equipment Program (PEP)
- Bus Acquisition Program (BUS)

***Note: The FIP is a new program commencing in fiscal year 2023/24. FIP project requests are required to be submitted as part of the capital plan submissions that are due on June 30, 2023. School districts will be advised of approved FIP projects in early fall via an amended 2023/24 Capital Plan Response letter. Further information regarding the scope of the program, program criteria, and eligible projects will be included in the 2024/25 Capital Plan Instructions.**

The following tables identify major capital projects that are supported to proceed to the next stage, if applicable, as well as minor capital projects that are approved for funding and can proceed to procurement.

MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS (SEP, CNCP, BEP, PEP, BUS)

Below are tables for the minor capital projects that are approved. The table identifies School Enhancement Program (SEP), Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP), Building Envelope Program (BEP), Playground Equipment Program (PEP), as well as the Bus Acquisition Program (BUS), if applicable.

New projects for SEP, CNCP, BEP, PEP

Facility Name	Program Project Description	Amount Funded by Ministry	Next Steps & Timing
Princeton Secondary	SEP - HVAC Upgrades	\$500,000	Proceed to design, tender & construction. To be completed by March 31, 2024.
Merritt Secondary*	SEP - HVAC Upgrades	\$414,560	Proceed to design, tender & construction. To be completed by December 31, 2023.
Riverside Intermediate	CNCP - HVAC Upgrades	\$240,000	Proceed to design, tender & construction. To be completed by March 31, 2024.
Merritt Bench Elementary	PEP - Accessible Playground Equipment	\$195,000	Proceed to design, tender & construction. To be completed by March 31, 2024.

**Please contact your Minor Capital planning officer for information on funding structure.*

An Annual Programs Funding Agreement (APFA) accompanies this Capital Plan Response Letter which outlines specific Ministry and Board related obligations associated with the approved Minor Capital Projects for the 2023/24 fiscal year as listed above.

In accordance with Section 143 of the *School Act*, Boards of Education are required to adopt a single Capital Bylaw (using the Capital Bylaw Number provided at the beginning of this document) for its approved 2023/24 Five-Year Capital Plan as identified in this Capital Plan Response Letter. For additional information, please visit the Capital Bylaw website at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/capital/planning/capital-bylaws>

The Capital Bylaw and the APFA must be signed, dated, and emailed to Ministry Planning Officer Nathan Whipp at Nathan.Whipp@gov.bc.ca as soon as possible. Upon receipt the Ministry will issue Certificates of Approvals as defined in the APFA.

As the 2023/24 Capital Plan process is now complete, the Capital Plan Instructions for the upcoming 2024/25 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submission process (using the Ministry's Capital Asset Planning System (CAPS) online platform) will be available on the Ministry's [Capital Planning](#) webpage by April 1st, 2023.

NOTE: School districts' Capital Plan submission deadlines for the 2024/25 fiscal year, using the CAPS online platform, will be as follows:

- **June 30, 2023** – Major Capital Programs (SMP, EXP, REP, RDP, SAP, BEP); Minor Capital Programs (FIP).
- **September 30, 2023** – Minor Capital Programs (SEP, CNCP, PEP, BUS).

The staggered deadlines are intended to provide the Ministry with input required to initiate planning for the next budget cycle, while enabling school districts additional time and flexibility to plan over the summer. School districts may wish to provide Major and Minor Capital submissions by the June 30, 2023 deadline.

Additionally, the Annual Facility Grant (AFG) project requests for the 2023/24 fiscal year are to be submitted using the CAPS online platform, on or before May 31, 2023.

Please contact your respective Regional Director or Planning Officer as per the [Capital Management Branch Contact List](#) with any questions regarding this Capital Plan Response Letter or the Ministry's capital plan process.

Sincerely,

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Francois Bertrand, Executive Director
Capital Management Branch

pc: Damien Crowell, Director, Major Capital Projects, Capital Management Branch
Geoff Croshaw, A/Director, Minor Capital Programs and Finance Unit, Capital Management Branch

CAPITAL BYLAW NO. 2023/24-CPSD58-01
CAPITAL PLAN 2023/24

WHEREAS in accordance with section 142 of the *School Act*, the Board of Education of School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) (hereinafter called the “Board”) has submitted a capital plan to the Minister of Education (hereinafter called the "Minister") and the Minister has approved the capital plan or has approved a capital plan with modifications,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 143 of the *School Act*, the Board has prepared this Capital Bylaw and agrees to do the following:

- (a) Authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to execute a capital project funding agreement(s) related to the capital project(s) contemplated by the capital plan or the capital plan with modifications;
- (b) Upon ministerial approval to proceed, commence the capital project(s) and proceed diligently and use its best efforts to complete each capital project substantially as directed by the Minister;
- (c) Observe and comply with any order, regulation, or policy of the Minister as may be applicable to the Board or the capital project(s); and,
- (d) Maintain proper books of account, and other information and documents with respect to the affairs of the capital project(s), as may be prescribed by the Minister.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

- 1. The Capital Bylaw of the Board for the 2023/24 Capital Plan as approved by the Minister, to include the supported capital project(s) specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, dated March 9, 2023, is hereby adopted.
- 2. This Capital Bylaw may be cited as *School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen)* Capital Bylaw No.2023/24-CPSD58-01.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 12th DAY OF April 2023;
READ A SECOND TIME THE 12th DAY OF April 2023;
READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED THE 12th DAY OF April 2023.

APPLY CORPORATE SEAL

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and original *School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen)* Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD58-01 adopted by the Board the 12th day of April 2023.

Secretary-Treasurer



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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trustees FROM: Dylan Richardson
Secretary Treasurer/CFO

RE: 2023/24 Estimated Operating Grants DATE: April 6, 2023

Trustees will find enclosed a summary of operating grants that will be used to prepare the 2023/24 annual (preliminary) budget. to date for the 2023/24 school year.

Estimated Operating Grant Block	\$26,668,220
Preliminary Classroom Enhancement Fund Allocation	\$4,391,435
Learning Improvement Fund – Support Staff	\$100,943
Community LINK	\$315,268
Annual Facility Grant	\$777,079
Pay Equity	\$120,216
Student Transportation Fund	\$170,292
Feeding Futures Fund (New)	\$350,000

Of particular note, SD58 will receive \$350,000 by way of the Province's newly formed, Feeding Futures Fund (see article enclosed). Trustees are to be commended for their efforts, advocating for the continuance of the student & family affordability funding that the Province released to school districts this year.

Dylan Richardson
Secretary Treasurer/CFO

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TABLE A
SUMMARY OF GRANTS TO DATE, 2023/24
Updated April 2023

School District	2023/24 Estimated Operating Grant Block	Preliminary Classroom Enhancement Fund Allocation	Learning Improvement Fund - Support Staff	Community- LINK	Annual Facility Grant (Total Oper. Portion)*	Pay Equity	Student Transportation Fund	Feeding Futures Fund	Labour Settlement Cost of Living Adjustment**
5 Southeast Kootenay	77,556,846	3,594,562	293,563	408,561	287,051	457,171	361,459	808,815	
6 Rocky Mountain	45,436,597	3,865,846	171,984	430,090	195,843	207,823	369,399	475,770	
8 Kootenay Lake	61,649,241	8,824,065	233,351	723,464	279,640	300,996	419,602	644,263	
10 Arrow Lakes	10,526,626	139,338	39,845	106,843	62,466	40,560	42,675	350,000	
19 Revelstoke	14,423,670	617,906	54,596	112,691	65,380	101,498	49,847	350,000	
20 Kootenay-Columbia	48,869,590	5,922,317	184,978	747,008	193,904	248,239	242,977	513,092	
22 Vernon	103,520,613	7,687,945	391,840	648,173	356,577	85,865	361,094	1,079,115	
23 Central Okanagan	269,294,503	26,278,215	1,019,317	1,283,813	785,498	1,238,323	600,000	2,808,793	
27 Cariboo-Chilcotin	60,918,421	4,356,939	230,585	719,732	311,807	665,837	739,024	637,232	
28 Quesnel	40,173,865	2,316,875	152,064	545,875	179,130	379,632	274,209	420,850	
33 Chilliwack	168,730,453	12,122,112	638,668	759,820	456,617	864,624	329,456	1,769,556	
34 Abbotsford	215,340,708	15,037,319	815,094	1,301,361	692,103	118,014	313,969	2,241,078	
35 Langley	256,878,234	40,417,788	972,320	2,281,717	680,306	551,875	260,000	2,671,352	
36 Surrey	839,376,008	55,319,812	3,177,154	4,282,236	2,362,474	6,861,224	72,999	8,711,614	
37 Delta	169,743,905	11,377,071	642,504	646,543	615,060	2,171,545	41,933	1,765,282	
38 Richmond	228,570,622	45,125,028	865,171	841,982	829,289	2,215,706	21,608	2,372,391	
39 Vancouver	536,417,548	37,341,614	2,030,415	10,297,423	2,238,404	7,294,124	53,423	5,566,910	
40 New Westminster	79,834,006	7,277,388	302,183	1,686,344	235,916	521,853	6,073	826,518	
41 Burnaby	282,518,753	16,493,114	1,069,373	2,627,782	931,106	1,441,995	24,841	2,925,795	
42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	182,537,530	18,969,373	690,930	617,335	517,597	1,874,965	185,990	1,900,067	
43 Coquitlam	341,995,951	44,566,603	1,294,502	1,674,780	1,139,837	706,353	81,641	3,533,596	
44 North Vancouver	166,214,604	19,450,068	629,145	1,257,506	626,391	2,966,047	40,566	1,734,379	
45 West Vancouver	74,025,787	2,949,525	280,198	309,523	267,433	678,422	84,722	771,793	
46 Sunshine Coast	47,767,483	3,816,130	180,807	544,562	196,625	510,381	380,465	499,932	
47 Powell River	40,498,818	2,095,071	153,294	223,479	122,953	243,304	91,754	417,806	
48 Sea to Sky	59,781,404	7,133,270	226,281	331,821	191,174	371,793	265,534	625,279	
49 Central Coast	7,169,220	537,543	27,136	272,080	60,303	42,403	80,277	350,000	
50 Haida Gwaii	11,282,748	931,039	42,707	120,175	110,411	139,874	149,851	350,000	
51 Boundary	19,807,966	1,055,409	74,976	165,372	113,371	105,245	153,588	350,000	
52 Prince Rupert	26,155,457	2,751,056	99,002	565,237	135,659	706,027	117,597	350,000	
53 Okanagan Similkameen	33,291,120	2,509,029	126,011	248,602	125,870	233,703	209,099	350,000	
54 Bulkley Valley	25,390,952	1,305,466	96,108	254,960	141,686	225,459	163,737	350,000	
57 Prince George	160,738,162	10,590,894	608,416	2,357,716	667,343	2,271,692	687,663	1,682,425	
58 Nicola-Similkameen	26,668,220	4,391,435	100,943	315,268	125,854	120,216	170,292	350,000	
59 Peace River South	50,067,243	3,846,252	189,511	404,801	285,789	944,395	441,458	521,677	
60 Peace River North	77,705,448	4,900,423	294,126	626,405	299,020	241,350	425,785	806,483	
61 Greater Victoria	214,957,633	20,591,049	813,644	4,186,167	810,431	2,896,617	20,027	2,253,290	
62 Sooke	150,612,444	22,261,388	570,089	789,819	336,877	931,052	358,365	1,565,710	
63 Saanich	84,228,518	10,200,937	318,817	465,967	305,872	377,315	280,000	862,717	
64 Gulf Islands	22,277,442	2,212,434	84,323	163,545	103,649	102,398	328,264	350,000	
67 Okanagan Skaha	67,476,636	4,263,903	255,408	398,686	268,518	441,194	167,035	705,022	
68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith	159,607,369	12,412,842	604,136	2,542,371	555,746	160,000	244,630	1,663,981	
69 Qualicum	49,966,184	4,459,462	189,129	425,818	199,383	936,176	426,341	519,738	
70 Pacific Rim	46,478,443	3,739,314	175,927	996,219	211,812	595,220	71,717	483,245	
71 Comox Valley	112,141,798	13,101,971	424,472	622,502	350,494	451,831	421,375	1,141,262	
72 Campbell River	67,853,988	3,914,765	256,837	585,836	263,177	75,322	316,860	709,927	
73 Kamloops-Thompson	185,204,763	13,967,499	701,026	1,671,866	701,984	575,959	666,817	1,926,080	
74 Gold Trail	20,954,707	648,603	79,316	414,355	139,683	376,093	366,932	350,000	
75 Mission	76,900,695	7,247,584	291,080	444,481	249,559	725,901	188,900	800,105	
78 Fraser-Cascade	26,271,479	3,015,971	99,441	382,582	107,288	229,516	184,576	350,000	
79 Cowichan Valley	97,459,221	10,544,532	368,897	739,939	384,142	363,682	283,524	1,018,779	
81 Fort Nelson	10,498,461	772,745	39,738	149,802	64,624	79,311	32,744	350,000	
82 Coast Mountains	55,598,232	6,331,033	210,447	645,023	308,323	1,160,795	557,786	582,554	
83 North Okanagan-Shuswap	86,455,815	6,696,169	327,247	357,584	342,495	641,286	561,925	902,357	
84 Vancouver Island West	10,102,713	1,039,920	38,240	143,754	79,225	55,087	57,593	350,000	
85 Vancouver Island North	20,688,128	1,467,208	78,307	357,818	148,405	115,216	118,179	350,000	
87 Stikine	6,369,371	439,408	24,109	594,835	60,762	124,935	51,181	350,000	
91 Nechako Lakes	58,418,034	3,387,353	221,120	564,028	289,483	1,096,373	503,247	589,780	
92 Nisga'a	9,161,070	939,383	34,676	152,586	54,315	116,874	130,091	350,000	
93 Conseil scolaire francophone	104,216,674	8,142,587	394,475	137,906	277,866	100,251	750,415	1,093,590	
Provincial Total	6,604,778,140	597,711,900	25,000,000	58,674,569	23,500,000	50,876,937	15,403,131	71,500,000	

*Includes total operating portion only; see Table D for capital portion

**To be determined

TABLE B
CLASSROOM ENHANCEMENT FUND ALLOCATION, 2023/24 PRELIMINARY
Updated March 2023

School District	Staffing Cost	Overhead Cost	Annual Remedies*	Total 2023/24 Preliminary Classroom Enhancement Fund Allocation
5 Southeast Kootenay	3,431,657	162,905		3,594,562
6 Rocky Mountain	3,654,101	211,745		3,865,846
8 Kootenay Lake	8,597,418	226,647		8,824,065
10 Arrow Lakes	78,922	60,416		139,338
19 Revelstoke	544,867	73,039		617,906
20 Kootenay-Columbia	5,558,807	363,510		5,922,317
22 Vernon	6,925,539	762,406		7,687,945
23 Central Okanagan	25,677,099	601,116		26,278,215
27 Cariboo-Chilcotin	3,735,000	621,939		4,356,939
28 Quesnel	2,082,174	234,701		2,316,875
33 Chilliwack	11,694,575	427,537		12,122,112
34 Abbotsford	14,561,411	475,908		15,037,319
35 Langley	39,426,121	991,667		40,417,788
36 Surrey	53,865,510	1,454,302		55,319,812
37 Delta	10,536,888	840,183		11,377,071
38 Richmond	39,826,407	5,298,621		45,125,028
39 Vancouver	32,923,206	4,418,408		37,341,614
40 New Westminster	6,869,090	408,298		7,277,388
41 Burnaby	13,835,108	2,658,006		16,493,114
42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	18,173,911	795,462		18,969,373
43 Coquitlam	42,164,913	2,401,690		44,566,603
44 North Vancouver	12,772,692	6,677,376		19,450,068
45 West Vancouver	2,748,659	200,866		2,949,525
46 Sunshine Coast	3,604,685	211,445		3,816,130
47 Powell River	1,963,260	131,811		2,095,071
48 Sea to Sky	6,769,525	363,745		7,133,270
49 Central Coast	478,793	58,750		537,543
50 Haida Gwaii	853,012	78,027		931,039
51 Boundary	1,027,940	27,469		1,055,409
52 Prince Rupert	2,539,425	211,631		2,751,056
53 Okanagan Similkameen	2,436,672	72,357		2,509,029
54 Bulkley Valley	1,216,093	89,373		1,305,466
57 Prince George	10,158,134	432,760		10,590,894
58 Nicola-Similkameen	4,061,032	330,403		4,391,435
59 Peace River South	3,525,562	320,690		3,846,252
60 Peace River North	4,500,622	399,801		4,900,423
61 Greater Victoria	19,822,238	768,811		20,591,049
62 Sooke	20,696,454	1,564,934		22,261,388
63 Saanich	9,272,142	928,795		10,200,937
64 Gulf Islands	1,857,304	355,130		2,212,434
67 Okanagan Skaha	4,030,903	233,000		4,263,903
68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith	10,878,216	1,534,626		12,412,842
69 Qualicum	4,021,658	437,804		4,459,462
70 Pacific Rim	3,608,160	131,154		3,739,314
71 Comox Valley	11,491,248	1,610,723		13,101,971
72 Campbell River	3,595,556	319,209		3,914,765
73 Kamloops-Thompson	13,460,013	507,486		13,967,499
74 Gold Trail	638,824	9,779		648,603
75 Mission	6,963,898	283,686		7,247,584
78 Fraser-Cascade	2,903,231	112,740		3,015,971
79 Cowichan Valley	9,584,616	959,916		10,544,532
81 Fort Nelson	579,565	193,180		772,745
82 Coast Mountains	5,994,495	336,538		6,331,033
83 North Okanagan-Shuswap	6,347,413	348,756		6,696,169
84 Vancouver Island West	807,814	232,106		1,039,920
85 Vancouver Island North	1,332,623	134,585		1,467,208
87 Stikine	432,529	6,879		439,408
91 Nechako Lakes	3,107,342	280,011		3,387,353
92 Nisga'a	818,280	121,103		939,383
93 Conseil scolaire francophone	7,775,804	366,783		8,142,587
Provincial Total	552,839,156	44,872,744		597,711,900

* To be determined in autumn 2023

TABLE C
LEARNING IMPROVEMENT FUND - SUPPORT STAFF, 2023/24
Updated March 2023

School District	2023/24 Estimated Operating Grant Block	% of Total Operating Grants	2023/24 Learning Improvement Fund - Support Staff
5 Southeast Kootenay	77,556,846	1.2%	293,563
6 Rocky Mountain	45,436,597	0.7%	171,984
8 Kootenay Lake	61,649,241	0.9%	233,351
10 Arrow Lakes	10,526,626	0.2%	39,845
19 Revelstoke	14,423,670	0.2%	54,596
20 Kootenay-Columbia	48,869,590	0.7%	184,978
22 Vernon	103,520,613	1.6%	391,840
23 Central Okanagan	269,294,503	4.1%	1,019,317
27 Cariboo-Chilcotin	60,918,421	0.9%	230,585
28 Quesnel	40,173,865	0.6%	152,064
33 Chilliwack	168,730,453	2.6%	638,668
34 Abbotsford	215,340,708	3.3%	815,094
35 Langley	256,878,234	3.9%	972,320
36 Surrey	839,376,008	12.7%	3,177,154
37 Delta	169,743,905	2.6%	642,504
38 Richmond	228,570,622	3.5%	865,171
39 Vancouver	536,417,548	8.1%	2,030,415
40 New Westminster	79,834,006	1.2%	302,183
41 Burnaby	282,518,753	4.3%	1,069,373
42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	182,537,530	2.8%	690,930
43 Coquitlam	341,995,951	5.2%	1,294,502
44 North Vancouver	166,214,604	2.5%	629,145
45 West Vancouver	74,025,787	1.1%	280,198
46 Sunshine Coast	47,767,483	0.7%	180,807
47 Powell River	40,498,818	0.6%	153,294
48 Sea to Sky	59,781,404	0.9%	226,281
49 Central Coast	7,169,220	0.1%	27,136
50 Haida Gwaii	11,282,748	0.2%	42,707
51 Boundary	19,807,966	0.3%	74,976
52 Prince Rupert	26,155,457	0.4%	99,002
53 Okanagan Similkameen	33,291,120	0.5%	126,011
54 Bulkley Valley	25,390,952	0.4%	96,108
57 Prince George	160,738,162	2.4%	608,416
58 Nicola-Similkameen	26,668,220	0.4%	100,943
59 Peace River South	50,067,243	0.8%	189,511
60 Peace River North	77,705,448	1.2%	294,126
61 Greater Victoria	214,957,633	3.3%	813,644
62 Sooke	150,612,444	2.3%	570,089
63 Saanich	84,228,518	1.3%	318,817
64 Gulf Islands	22,277,442	0.3%	84,323
67 Okanagan Skaha	67,476,636	1.0%	255,408
68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith	159,607,369	2.4%	604,136
69 Qualicum	49,966,184	0.8%	189,129
70 Pacific Rim	46,478,443	0.7%	175,927
71 Comox Valley	112,141,798	1.7%	424,472
72 Campbell River	67,853,988	1.0%	256,837
73 Kamloops-Thompson	185,204,763	2.8%	701,026
74 Gold Trail	20,954,707	0.3%	79,316
75 Mission	76,900,695	1.2%	291,080
78 Fraser-Cascade	26,271,479	0.4%	99,441
79 Cowichan Valley	97,459,221	1.5%	368,897
81 Fort Nelson	10,498,461	0.2%	39,738
82 Coast Mountains	55,598,232	0.8%	210,447
83 North Okanagan-Shuswap	86,455,815	1.3%	327,247
84 Vancouver Island West	10,102,713	0.2%	38,240
85 Vancouver Island North	20,688,128	0.3%	78,307
87 Stikine	6,369,371	0.1%	24,109
91 Nechako Lakes	58,418,034	0.9%	221,120
92 Nisga'a	9,161,070	0.1%	34,676
93 Conseil scolaire francophone	104,216,674	1.6%	394,475
Provincial Total	6,604,778,140	100.0%	25,000,000

TABLE D
ANNUAL FACILITY GRANT, 2023/24

Updated March 2023

School District	Total Operating Portion	Capital Portion	Total 2023/24 Annual Facility Grant	Operating Portion			Total Allocation to Districts
				Gross	Withheld	Net	
					Capital Asset Mgmt System		
5 Southeast Kootenay	287,051	1,509,767	1,796,818	287,051	24,430	262,621	1,772,388
6 Rocky Mountain	195,843	1,030,051	1,225,894	195,843	16,667	179,176	1,209,227
8 Kootenay Lake	279,640	1,470,789	1,750,429	279,640	23,799	255,841	1,726,630
10 Arrow Lakes	62,466	328,544	391,010	62,466	5,316	57,150	385,693
19 Revelstoke	65,380	343,873	409,253	65,380	5,564	59,816	403,689
20 Kootenay-Columbia	193,904	1,019,854	1,213,758	193,904	16,502	177,402	1,197,255
22 Vernon	356,577	1,875,445	2,232,022	356,577	30,347	326,230	2,201,676
23 Central Okanagan	785,498	4,131,388	4,916,886	785,498	66,851	718,648	4,850,035
27 Cariboo-Chilcotin	311,807	1,639,973	1,951,780	311,807	26,537	285,270	1,925,243
28 Quesnel	179,130	942,147	1,121,277	179,130	15,245	163,885	1,106,032
33 Chilliwack	456,617	2,401,612	2,858,229	456,617	38,861	417,756	2,819,368
34 Abbotsford	692,103	3,640,169	4,332,272	692,103	58,902	633,201	4,273,370
35 Langley	680,306	3,578,119	4,258,425	680,306	57,898	622,407	4,200,527
36 Surrey	2,362,474	12,425,601	14,788,075	2,362,474	201,064	2,161,413	14,587,009
37 Delta	615,060	3,234,953	3,850,013	615,060	52,346	562,714	3,797,667
38 Richmond	829,289	4,361,706	5,190,995	829,289	70,578	758,711	5,120,417
39 Vancouver	2,238,404	11,773,052	14,011,456	2,238,404	190,502	2,047,901	13,820,954
40 New Westminster	235,916	1,240,820	1,476,736	235,916	20,078	215,838	1,456,659
41 Burnaby	931,106	4,897,223	5,828,329	931,106	79,243	851,863	5,749,087
42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	517,597	2,722,339	3,239,936	517,597	44,051	473,546	3,195,885
43 Coquitlam	1,139,837	5,995,058	7,134,895	1,139,837	97,007	1,042,830	7,037,888
44 North Vancouver	626,391	3,294,550	3,920,941	626,391	53,310	573,081	3,867,631
45 West Vancouver	267,433	1,406,584	1,674,017	267,433	22,760	244,673	1,651,257
46 Sunshine Coast	196,625	1,034,164	1,230,789	196,625	16,734	179,891	1,214,055
47 Powell River	122,953	646,681	769,634	122,953	10,464	112,489	759,170
48 Sea to Sky	191,174	1,005,494	1,196,668	191,174	16,270	174,904	1,180,398
49 Central Coast	60,303	317,169	377,472	60,303	5,132	55,171	372,340
50 Haida Gwaii	110,411	580,715	691,126	110,411	9,397	101,014	681,730
51 Boundary	113,371	596,282	709,653	113,371	9,649	103,722	700,004
52 Prince Rupert	135,659	713,507	849,166	135,659	11,545	124,113	837,621
53 Okanagan Similkameen	125,870	662,025	787,895	125,870	10,712	115,158	777,183
54 Bulkley Valley	141,686	745,207	886,893	141,686	12,058	129,627	874,834
57 Prince George	667,343	3,509,939	4,177,282	667,343	56,795	610,548	4,120,486
58 Nicola-Similkameen	125,854	661,936	787,790	125,854	10,711	115,143	777,079
59 Peace River South	285,789	1,503,128	1,788,917	285,789	24,322	261,466	1,764,594
60 Peace River North	299,020	1,572,719	1,871,739	299,020	25,449	273,572	1,846,290
61 Greater Victoria	810,431	4,262,522	5,072,953	810,431	68,973	741,458	5,003,980
62 Sooke	336,877	1,771,831	2,108,708	336,877	28,670	308,207	2,080,038
63 Saanich	305,872	1,608,756	1,914,628	305,872	26,032	279,840	1,888,596
64 Gulf Islands	103,649	545,148	648,797	103,649	8,821	94,828	639,976
67 Okanagan Skaha	268,518	1,412,288	1,680,806	268,518	22,853	245,665	1,657,953
68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith	555,746	2,922,988	3,478,734	555,746	47,298	508,449	3,431,437
69 Qualicum	199,383	1,048,671	1,248,054	199,383	16,969	182,414	1,231,085
70 Pacific Rim	211,812	1,114,039	1,325,851	211,812	18,027	193,785	1,307,824
71 Comox Valley	350,494	1,843,448	2,193,942	350,494	29,829	320,665	2,164,113
72 Campbell River	263,177	1,384,199	1,647,376	263,177	22,398	240,779	1,624,979
73 Kamloops-Thompson	701,984	3,692,136	4,394,120	701,984	59,743	642,241	4,334,377
74 Gold Trail	139,683	734,674	874,357	139,683	11,888	127,795	862,470
75 Mission	249,559	1,312,576	1,562,135	249,559	21,239	228,320	1,540,897
78 Fraser-Cascade	107,288	564,288	671,576	107,288	9,131	98,157	662,445
79 Cowichan Valley	384,142	2,020,424	2,404,566	384,142	32,693	351,449	2,371,873
81 Fort Nelson	64,624	339,893	404,517	64,624	5,500	59,124	399,016
82 Coast Mountains	308,323	1,621,646	1,929,969	308,323	26,240	282,082	1,903,728
83 North Okanagan-Shuswap	342,495	1,801,377	2,143,872	342,495	29,148	313,346	2,114,723
84 Vancouver Island West	79,225	416,689	495,914	79,225	6,743	72,482	489,172
85 Vancouver Island North	148,405	780,549	928,954	148,405	12,630	135,775	916,324
87 Stikine	60,762	319,582	380,344	60,762	5,171	55,591	375,173
91 Nechako Lakes	289,483	1,522,559	1,812,042	289,483	24,637	264,846	1,787,405
92 Nisga'a	54,315	285,675	339,990	54,315	4,623	49,693	335,367
93 Conseil scolaire francophone	277,866	1,461,459	1,739,325	277,866	23,648	254,218	1,715,678
Provincial Total	23,500,000	123,600,000	147,100,000	23,500,000	2,000,000	21,500,000	145,100,000

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School food programs get historic investment to help feed kids

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More children and youth will have access to healthy meals and snacks at school through the Province's new Feeding Futures funding, which invests in building and expanding local school food programs.

"As busy parents deal with global inflation, school food programs can help reduce the pressure on their wallets while tackling student hunger," said Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care. "Working with local schools to make sure our kids are fed and ready to learn will make a real difference for families and communities."

Through Budget 2023, the Province is investing \$214 million over three years so school districts can create or expand local food programs in schools throughout B.C. The funds will be used for purchasing food and hiring dedicated staff to co-ordinate providing meals and snacks to students. This is the largest investment in school food programs in the Province's history.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care will work with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to include the Feed BC program in school food programs. Feed BC will support schools building strong community partnerships with local growers and food producers to include more B.C. food in schools and invest in local economic growth.

"Healthy minds and bodies begin with fresh, quality food," said Pam Alexis, Minister of Agriculture and Food. "I am thrilled to see this funding go to schools across the province, where it will be used to help students get more nutritious food grown right here in our province. Together with our farmers and food businesses, we are helping to feed the minds of the next generation of British Columbians."

The Feeding Futures program will address the immediate need of feeding students and builds on the progress made with the Student and Family Affordability Fund to help reduce the challenges of rising food costs for families who need it most.

"The new Feeding Futures funding will benefit many families in communities across B.C., including Richmond," said Aman Singh, MLA for Richmond-Queensborough. "Our government is reducing costs for people and supporting the well-being of students to make sure they are ready and prepared to learn."

Non-profit organizations, donors and parent advisory councils will continue to play a vital role alongside schools to address student hunger, as it reflects the larger issue of community-based food insecurity.

Quotes:

Debbie Tablotney, board chair, Richmond School District –

"This is an important investment in the health and well-being of our students. By expanding our school food programs, we can increase access to nutritious food. As a district, we are committed to ensuring that all students have access to the resources they need to succeed. We are grateful for this funding from the Province and are excited to use this investment to support the well-being of our students."

Amanda Nichol, first vice-president, BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils –

“Ensuring our students are not hungry at school is a primary emphasis of the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, therefore, the funding for school food programs is welcome news. We are aware of too many families struggling to keep up with rising costs. Support for school food programs generates positive changes. All our students should have access to nutritious food so that they can focus on learning in order to reach their full potential.”

Viveca Ellis, executive director, Single Mothers’ Alliance –

“The importance of healthy meals provided within our public education system to support learning and development should not be understated. They help families save both crucial time and money, support economic recovery and food security, and ensure that our children and youth are ready to learn. It’s encouraging to see the government prioritize the well-being and success of students, and this program has the potential to positively impact low-income children, youth and families across British Columbia.”

Judith Barry, co-founder and director of government relations, Breakfast Club of Canada –

“As many children and families continue to struggle with the increased cost of living and lack of access to nutritious foods each day, the new Feeding Futures funding is an inspiring step toward ensuring that every child in the province can benefit from school food programs and reach their full potential. This investment over three years is positioning B.C. as a leader in school nutrition programs in the country. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with all donors and stakeholders involved in ensuring support to future generations.”

Learn More:

For the funding allocation per school district, visit this link and click on the Summary of Grants to Date, 2023-24: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/resource-management/k-12-funding-and-allocation/operating-grants/k12funding-23-24> (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/resource-management/k-12-funding-and-allocation/operating-grants/k12funding-23-24>)

The Province has developed a new website, Build a School Food Program, to provide guidance to school districts on creating new food programs in their schools: <https://www.gov.bc.ca/bcschoolfood>

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trustees

FROM: Dylan Richardson
Secretary Treasurer/CFO

RE: 2023/24 BUDGET CONSULTATION

DATE: April 6, 2023

Trustees are advised that budget consultation has taken place thus far in both Princeton (April 4th) and Merritt (April 5th). Both consultation sessions were streamed online and are available for the public to view. Senior staff will be provided with an opportunity for budget consultation with the Aboriginal Advisory Council on April 11th.

As part of our consultation strategy, the public were provided with the Secretary Treasurer's email address for any follow-up.

Budget preparations will continue with April 19th being our target date to present the 2023/24 preliminary budget to the Finance Committee. It will then be brought to the Board on May 10th.

Dylan Richardson
Secretary Treasurer/CFO

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Trustees

**FROM: Stephen McNiven
Superintendent of Schools**

RE: POLICY UPDATES AND DEVELOPMENT DATE: April 6, 2023

Senior staff are pleased to report that the district has updated the following policies based on rightsholder feedback and is prepared to bring them forward for second, third and final reading.

- Use of Board Property for Childcare
- Financial Planning and Reporting
- Accumulated Operating Surplus

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TO: All Trustees

FROM: Dylan Richardson
Secretary Treasurer/CFO

RE: Merritt Skateboard Park – letter of support

DATE: April 6, 2023

Trustees requested follow up with the City of Merritt regarding the enclosed letter requesting a letter from the school district in support of lighting at the Merritt skateboard park.

In conversation with the City of Merritt's CAO, Sean Smith, they aware of the request and anticipate a presentation coming to council in the near future. Mr. Smith confirmed that there are no zoning or other types of restrictions that would prevent lighting being installed, indicating that the school district could offer a letter of support if they would like to do so.

We would be pleased to take the direction from Trustees in response to Mr. Glasgow's letter.

Dylan Richardson
Secretary Treasurer/CFO

DR/jmg

Daniel Glasgow
1738 Nicola Ave
Merritt, BC
V1K1R6

School District 58 Trustees
1550 Chapman St
Merritt, BC
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Dear School Board Trustees,

My name is Daniel Glasgow and I represent a group of individuals and businesses, including 378 Skateshop, BreatheBikes, the Community Policing Office, in Merritt who are looking at adding flood lights to the existing skatepark located on Voght Street. Our goal is to create a safer space for the youth and children of Merritt to enjoy during the late spring, summer, and early fall seasons when the park would otherwise be too dark to enjoy.

We are looking to approach Merritt City Council with a proposal to add lights to the existing park infrastructure. The proposal will highlight the skatepark's main issue; that it is too dark for youth to utilize the park during the spring and fall seasons when they have free time outside of school hours to seek out activities. Also, it will outline a similar issue created in the summer, with day-time temperatures making the park extremely hot and, at times, unsafe to use until twilight hours of the day. The addition of lights would allow for youth and children to continue to use the park in a well-lit and safe environment, with the location of the RCMP station adding to safety for park users. The proposal to the City of Merritt will outline these benefits, as well as any potential drawbacks of the lights to the community and how to mitigate them, the cost of the lights and installation, and potential avenues for funding. The goal will be to receive approval from the City of Merritt to continue the project with their aid in the development of a formal plan of action.

As similar projects in the past have either been opposed by local residents or required over-funding for completion, this proposal will aim to address these two issues. It would accomplish this by suggesting the research and execution of a meaningful survey of all affected parties including residents whose properties will potentially be affected by the lighting and of users of the skatepark. Additionally, research into mitigating the amount of light pollution that is created, specifically by ensuring the correct type of lighting is chosen for the park as well as the method of scheduling and activation. Light pollution and energy waste could be reduced by ensuring the lighting is scheduled to only operate during set times of the evening/morning hours, and only when a park user is present.

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At this time, I am seeking written support from each school principal within Merritt. I believe that principals are valuable spokespersons to the interests and passions of the children of Merritt. My desire is that School District 58 would consider supporting this project by allowing principals to officially support this project as it directly impacts the mental and physical health of the students within the schools of Merritt. Official written support from the School Board, along with support from the individual school principals, would help convince the City of Merritt that this is a project that the community recognizes as valuable for the wellbeing of their youth.

Thank you for your time.

Daniel Glasgow