



**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AGENDA**

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
School Board Office – Gibsons, BC

- 1) Implementation Plan: Year 2
- 2) Submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services (discussion)
- 3) Communication plan (*standing item*)



BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services
Room 224, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4

Dear Chair Hamilton and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit input for the 2016–17 provincial budget. We appreciate the committee's careful deliberations and the inclusion of public input.

School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) includes the coastal communities of Langdale and Gibsons, northwest through Roberts Creek, Sechelt and Halfmoon Bay to Pender Harbour and Egmont. Our district has gone through several years of declining enrolment but through creativity and the support of our communities we have consistently balanced our budget and provided outstanding educational opportunities for our students. Although enrolment decline seems to have levelled off, years of program cuts and staffing reductions have left their mark. To continue to offer excellence in all we do, we respectfully submit the following for your consideration.

Funding Stability

Rising operational costs for schools of all sizes need to be considered for education in British Columbia. Now that we are in a stable labour environment we ask that government recognize that collective agreements are not the only cost increases impacting our annual budgeting processes. Benefits and employment related fees like MSP or Worksafe BC premiums continue to impact our budget and we need the provincial funding to cover these costs. For several years past, there have been changes to capital funding, required administrative savings, and costs imposed on school districts in BC mid-budget year. We request that the Ministry of Education establish funding for the needs of education in British Columbia once per year and avoid changes to funding formula within the school year.

New Curriculum Implementation

We appreciate the contribution announced in the fall of 2015 for non-instructional time support for the professional development of teachers on the new curriculum. Personalized learning, trades and technology, the arts and English language support are areas that need stable funding in addition to the training of teachers in the new curriculum. We recognize that these requests have been made in the past and the need is still rising every year.

Investment in “Non-Enrolling” Teachers/Special Needs

Due to the enrolment decline and funding levels over the past dozen years, our district has had to reduce “non-enrolling” teachers including special education teachers, fine arts/music teachers and librarians. These positions are absolutely necessary to support the educational excellence and individualized learning

advocated for in the new curriculum. Many researchers support that the current international labour market, and indeed the future of our province, most desperately needs graduates with creativity, curiosity, perseverance and character to succeed in today's society.

In special education more generally, the most severe structural deficit in the K–12 funding formula is the targeted funding we receive compared to the costs of sufficiently supporting students with needs that cannot be met with a regular program. The Learning Improvement Fund does not cover the shortfall. While enrolment has declined provincially, the proportion of special needs, and vulnerable students, has been rising everywhere, including on the Sunshine Coast (confirmed by provincial audits and UBC's Early Development and Middle Years Development Indicator data). We recognize and support the Ministry of Education's study of self-regulation as an effective intervention for special needs students. This approach should be adopted as a universal classroom practice. Student mental health is a growing concern throughout the province. To even consider the removal of targeted funds for testing, identifying and addressing the special, individual challenges of a growing proportion of children in our province would constitute a huge step backwards for BC.

Adult Basic Education

We recommend reinstating tuition free upgrading for adult basic education. Young adults need the incentive to complete post secondary entrance requirements to prepare for better employment and career opportunities. Sometimes it takes several years after graduation to tackle those courses. The tuition requirement puts one more hurdle in front of these students and adds administrative load of regulating and collecting fees to our district.

Aboriginal Education

A commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission regarding indigenous people in Canada is a worthy step for every stakeholder in public education. We are proud of our district's program for Aboriginal Education but recommend funding to allow school districts from across the province to move further ahead in helping communities learn and change by implementing the education proposed in the TRC recommendations.

To improve our delivery of fine education our province needs improved government investment. Public education for the children and families of the province is the best way to assure a prosperous, healthy future. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Betty Baxter
Board Chair

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All Board of Education via BCSTA

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
BOARD		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSLT/Trustee Dinner • Financial Statement Approval • BCSTA Provincial Council Motions • Reg 5700 – Rescind • Summer Work Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat Plan Update: Vision. 1g Outdoor ed, 2d Parent comm, • Student Trustee Appointment • Grad Survey Draw • Select Standing Committee on Finance and Govt Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat Plan Update: Mission, 1b Reading, 2b Reading teachers, , 2j sustainable practices • LIF Allocations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat Plan Update: Inclusion 1i Technology, 2e Healthy staff. • Board elections • BCSTA AGM & Provincial Council Motions • BCPSEA AGM Motions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat Plan Update: Innovation 1a Early Learning, , • Committee Appointments • CNCP Submission
C.O.W.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat. Plan: Implementation Plan Year 2 • Select Standing Committee on Finance and Govt Services (discussion) • Strat plan: Communication (standing item) • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External Committees Report • Truth and Reconciliation Report • Strat plan: Communication (standing item) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mind the Gap • Strat plan: Communication (standing item) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Growth Plans • Strat plan: Communication (standing item) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat Plan: 3d Govs Visioning • 2016/17 School Calendar • Strat plan: Communication (standing item) •
ED. CTE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat. Plan: Student Sustainable Practices & Outdoor Ed • Curriculum (Standing Item) • Parent Engagement (Standing Item) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat plan: 1B Reading, 2B Reading Teachers • MDI • Curriculum (Standing Item) • Parent Engagement (Standing Item) • Curriculum/Calendar • Grad Survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat plan: 1i - technology • Tech Plan • Curriculum (Standing Item) • Parent Engagement (Standing Item) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat plan: 1a early learning • Curriculum (Standing Item) • Parent Engagement (Standing Item) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat plan: 1 d SEL • Strat plan: 3 b Collaborations • Curriculum (Standing Item) • Parent Engagement (Standing Item)
OPS. CTE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Range Facilities Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Budget Review • Strat plan: 2j Sustainable practices • Regulation 4450 (Purchasing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strat plan: 2e Healthy staff • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNCP Submission Review (due January) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment Projections • Amended Budget • Preliminary Budget Feedback •
POLICY CTE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict of Interest Policy • Appeals Bylaw Review • Local Purchasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Volunteering • Trustee Email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whistleblower Policy (SD83) • Surplus Policy (SD83) 		
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to Community • Trustee/Audit Info Session 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad Hoc Community Celebrations Cmte – Selection Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCSTA Academy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Evaluation Committee • Ad Hoc Community Celebrations Cmte – Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Visits • BCPSEA AGM • Intergovernmental Mtg
Consultations				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Budget Consultations 		

	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JUNE Second Meeting
BOARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat Plan Update: Collaboration 1d SEL, 2a Prof dev., 3b Collaborate & 3D gov's visioning Amended Annual Budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat Plan Update: Equity. 1c Math, 2f Ldrs, 3c Int'l students, 2h Safe/Healthy Schools 2016/17 School Calendar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat Plan Update: Respect 1 E Mental/phys health, 3g Cap U Budget – School Allocation Rates BCSTA AGM Motions Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Contract Review (closed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat Plan Update: Responsibility 1f Music, 1k Grad, 2i facilities Grievances Report (closed) Supt. Eval. Report (closed) Budget Approval Annual Facilities Bylaw Trustee Electoral Areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat Plan Update: 1H exper learning/inquiry, 1j indigenous learning, cultures, 3f SIB/Squamish, 2g celebrations, Superintendent and Senior Staff Contract Review (closed)[1] 	
C.O.W.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat plan: 3c Int'l students Achievement Award Strat plan: Communication (standing item) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustee Electoral Areas Trustee Email FOIPOP Strat plan: Communication (standing item) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat plan: Communication (standing item) Trustee Variance Process Update Trustee Evaluation Process/Survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board / Trustee Evaluation Strat plan: Communication (standing item) Strategic Plan Year Review Cmte meeting timing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board / Trustee Evaluation Electoral Variance Review (yearly) Review Public Sector Governance – Guide To The Principles Of Good Practice
ED. CTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat plan: 1C Math Strat plan: 2f Ldrs ABHAWD Curriculum (Standing Item) Parent Engagement (Standing Item) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat plan: 1e Mental and phys health, 3g Cap U Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Curriculum (Standing Item) Parent Engagement (Standing Item) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat plan: 1F Music, 1k graduation, Professional Development Curriculum (Standing Item) Parent Engagement (Standing Item) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat plan: 1j Indigenous & other cultures, 1H exper learning/inquiry, 3f SIB/Squamish 1e Physical Health Parent Engagement (Standing Item) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum (Standing Item) Parent Engagement (Standing Item) Untargeted Charitable Donations (yearly) 	
OPS. CTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat plan: 2h Safe/Healthy Schools Preliminary Budget Consideration 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strat plan: 2i facilities Budget Summary AFG Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital Plan Joint-Use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Preparedness Update Transportation Review 	
POLICY CTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of Trustee Trustee Donations 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of the Trustee Trustee Donations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conflict of Interest Foundational Statements 		
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Coast Branch Meeting Review March Committee Meeting Schedule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superintendent Evaluation Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Forum Service Recognition BCSTA AGM South Coast Branch AGM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bursary Tea Calendar Changes Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retirement Celebration Graduations ACE-IT Ceremonies 	
Consultations						