



Karin Kirkpatrick
MLA West Vancouver-Capilano

RE: Delay of provincial capital funding for local projects

Dear MLA Kirkpatrick,

Thank you for sharing your letter dated June 8, 2022, it was shared at the Regular Board meeting held on June 22, 2022. Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools was not given notice by the provincial government that there will be no new funding for any new major capital projects for 2022-23.

The district has seen a significant increase in student enrolment these past number of years. The recent census indicates that Nanaimo is one of the top five fastest growing cities in Canada. With that, there has been a significant need for additional classroom space across the district. Two schools, École Hammond Bay and Dover Bay Secondary, are currently under construction with 10 more classrooms at the French Immersion school and two more at the high school.

Our [Long Rang Facilities Plan](#) focuses on safe and caring learning spaces. Seismic upgrades continue to be our priority with two significant upgrades underway. Cilaire and Pleasant Valley elementary students and staff will be returning to their respective school sites this September in seismically sound facilities.

Most recently, the province has asked the district to develop a business case for the seismic upgrade of Ladysmith Intermediate School.

The district will also continue to advocate for the funding of a new Nanaimo District Secondary School, which remains at the top of our replacement and seismic mitigation lists in the [five-year capital plan](#).

Thank you for supporting the investment of funds for the education system in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair

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BY EMAIL

June 8, 2022

Chair & Board of Trustees of Nanaimo-Ladysmith
School District #068

Dear Board Chair McKay,

Re: Delay of provincial capital funding for local projects

On behalf of the Official Opposition, I am writing to you today concerned about recent reports that School Districts in Mission, Sooke and Vancouver have been informed by the provincial government that there will be no new funding for any new major capital projects for 2022-23.

School Districts rely on the provincial government to come to the table and fund needed capital projects. At a time when the government is prioritizing \$1 billion for a new Royal BC Museum (RBCM), many rightly believe those capital dollars should instead be invested in the education system. The government's own data shows that 250 schools in British Columbia need replacing or seismic upgrades. In addition, while the current 55-year-old RBCM has a Facility Condition Index (FCI) of 0.35, many schools in the province are in far worse condition with a provincial FCI average of 0.50.

To fully understand the implications of provincial capital funding deferrals in the education system, please provide me with a list of any proposed major capital projects in your School District that have been unexpectedly turned down by the province. The Official Opposition will continue to work with School Districts across the province to advocate that public money is best invested in our education system.

Sincerely,



Karin Kirkpatrick, MLA

West Vancouver-Capilano

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