

12. Funding for Outdoor Learning Spaces

SUBMITTED BY: *Board of Education of SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39 (Vancouver)*

BE IT RESOLVED:

That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education:

- To complete the review of its Area Standards for new schools and expansion of existing schools and include in them guidelines for covered outdoor learning spaces
- To provide additional funding in the Annual Facilities Grant so districts can create covered outdoor learning spaces on school sites where they currently do not exist

Rationale:

Students are increasingly encouraged to go outside to learn and play, rain-or-shine. The importance of appropriate outdoor learning spaces has been further elevated due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Covered spaces provide some protection from inclement weather and should be included in designs of new schools, as well as appropriately funded for creation in schools where they don't currently exist.

This is an action motion and does not change or contradict any existing Foundational or Policy Statement.

This motion relates to Foundational Statement 9.1FS (Safe Environment).

13. Minimum Standards for Ventilation

SUBMITTED BY: *Board of Education of SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39 (Vancouver)*

BE IT RESOLVED:

That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education provide minimum indoor air quality specifications for existing buildings, addressing issues of ventilation, temperature regulation, and safety in response to recent natural disasters and the COVID 19 pandemic.

Rationale:

British Columbia experienced several natural disasters in 2021 - heat, smoke and floods claimed many lives and impacted many communities. Climate change has shifted our baseline standards of health, safety, and comfort when it comes to the school buildings in which students learn. The ongoing pandemic has added another layer of complexity in how we manage spaces within school buildings, outdoor areas, and indoor air quality. As the climate crisis brings more extreme weather patterns, our school buildings must be updated to continue to serve students and communities.

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