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To: Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent
School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD39-01

Re: Ministry Response to the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for 2022/23

This letter is in response to your School District's 2022/23 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)
- Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)
- Building Envelope Program (BEP)
- Playground Equipment Program (PEP)
- Bus Acquisition Program (BUS)

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 are able to proceed to procurement.

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS (SMP, EXP, REP, RDP)

Since 2017, the Ministry of Education has approved 12 major capital projects with a total budget of \$325 million to seismically upgrade 6 schools and replace 6 schools across Vancouver. Once complete, these projects will deliver close to 7,000 safe seats, improving learning environments for students across the district while supporting other shared priorities including child care space creation, climate mitigation and local economic development.

The Ministry has reviewed the Vancouver Board of Education's recently approved Long-Term Investment Plan, which builds on the Long Range Facility Plan to prioritize future capital investments across the District with consideration to partnership opportunities, public use of facilities and enrolment changes.

On the basis of the information presented in the Long-Term Investment Plan, the Ministry is pleased to support the ongoing development of a business case to seismically mitigate Sir Wilfred Grenfell Elementary.

Finally, the District is encouraged to secure final agreement on a site for a future Olympic Village Elementary School from the City of Vancouver, to enable this capital priority of shared interest to advance to the next stage.

Projects in Development from Previous Years

Project #	Project Name	Project Type	Comments
115984	Sir Wilfred Grenfell Elementary	Seismic	Your Regional Director will contact you shortly regarding next steps.
116528	David Thompson Secondary	Seismic	Project has been deferred. District to consider resubmitting alongside other capital priorities as part of their next 5-year Capital Plan Submission.
127763	False Creek Elementary	Seismic	Project has been deferred. District to consider resubmitting alongside other capital priorities as part of their next 5-year Capital Plan Submission.
116527	Killarney Secondary	Seismic	Project has been deferred. District to consider resubmitting alongside other capital priorities as part of their next 5-year Capital Plan Submission.

Follow-up meetings will be scheduled by your respective Regional Director or Planning Officer regarding next steps. Also, note that Capital Project Funding Agreements (CPFA) are not issued for Major Capital Projects until after the Business Case and all other required supporting documentation is received, reviewed, and approved for funding by the Ministry.

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
Sir Winston Churchill	BEP – Building Envelope Upgrades	TBD	BC Housing will contact you regarding next steps in project development.
Edith Cavell Elementary	SEP – Plumbing Upgrades	\$143,349	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2023.
David Livingstone Elementary	SEP – Plumbing Upgrades	\$266,805	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2023.
Point Grey Secondary	SEP – Electrical Upgrades	\$300,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2023.
Grandview Elementary	SEP – Plumbing Upgrades	\$250,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2023.
Vancouver Technical Secondary	SEP - Exterior Wall Systems	\$140,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2023.
Dr George M Weir Elementary	CNCP – HVAC Upgrades	\$390,500	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2023.
Dr H N MacCorkindale Elementary	CNCP – HVAC Upgrades	\$85,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2023.
Charles Dickens Annex	CNCP – HVAC Upgrades	\$90,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be

			completed by March 31, 2023.
Champlain Heights Community Elementary	PEP – Universally Accessible Playground	\$165,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2023.
Dr H N MacCorkindale Elementary	PEP – Universally Accessible Playground	\$165,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. Project is to be completed by March 31, 2023.

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 2022/23 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 2022/23 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 Mary-Anne North at mary-anne.north@gov.bc.ca as soon as possible. Upon receipt the Ministry will issue Certificates of Approvals as defined in the APFA.

With the 2022/23 Capital Plan process now complete, the Capital Plan Instructions for the upcoming 2023/24 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submission process (using the Ministry’s Capital Asset Planning System (CAPS) online platform) are available at the Ministry’s [Capital Planning](#) webpage.

NOTE: School districts’ Capital Plan submission deadlines for the 2023/24 fiscal year, using the CAPS online platform, will be as follows:

- Major Capital Programs (SMP, EXP, REP, RDP, BEP) – June 30, 2022
- Minor Capital Programs (SEP, CNCP, PEP, BUS) – September 30, 2022

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, 2022 deadline.

Please refrain from proactively reaching out to media regarding approved projects until the Province has made public announcements regarding minor capital approvals and playgrounds. Procurement and operational disclosure can continue.

When preparing public announcements pertaining to these approvals after the provincial announcements, please have District communications staff contact Meghan McRae, Communications Director, Government Communications and Public Engagement, at (250) 952-0622

Additionally, the Annual Facility Grant (AFG) project requests for the 2022/23 fiscal year are to be submitted using the CAPS online platform, on or before May 31, 2022.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Francois Bertrand".

Francois Bertrand, Executive Director
Capital Management Branch

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Damien Crowell, A/Director, Minor Capital Programs and Finance Unit, Capital Management Branch