



TITLE

FUNDING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

SPONSOR

Board of Education of SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39 (VANCOUVER)

Please indicate if the proposed motion relates to an existing Foundational Statement or Policy Statement in [BCSTA's Policies](#).

- Relates to Foundational Statement No. 9.1FS
- Relates to Policy Statement No. 4.2.2P
- Propose to make this motion a new interim policy statement.
- This is an action motion and does not change or contradict any existing Foundational or Policy Statement.

MOTION

In accordance with [BCSTA Bylaw 7\(1\)](#), motions must be emergent, i.e., "business that, if delayed until the Annual General Meeting, will impact negatively on Boards' ability to influence public policy or a public education issue."

That BCSTA request the Province immediately provide additional Ministry capital funding through School Enhancement Program to all Districts to ensure all schools have access to drinking water with measurable lead levels that does not exceed 5 parts per billion (ppb) by 2020.

RATIONALE

Provide a succinct description of why this motion is needed, what makes it emergent, plus any relevant background information.

OPTIONAL REFERENCES

Provide references to additional background material, e.g., legislation, websites, etc. Please attach copies of any documents referenced.

The Vancouver School Board has 88 schools where lead containing solder and fittings were used in copper water line installations. Due to high lead levels we have some drinking fountains that had to be permanently shut down and "Out of Service" signs posted.

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We have some schools that require manual daily "flushing" to reduce the lead levels to acceptable levels.

Our District is proactively working to meet more stringent standards (Federal and Provincial guidelines are currently being discussed to reduce allowable lead levels deemed acceptable) than those currently in place, there are options that the District could pursue.

VSB applies annually for School Enhancement Program (SEP) funding. Last year the Ministry of Education approved funds for re-plumbing copper lines, new fixtures, and adding new water bottle filling stations at three VSB elementary schools. We need to set a date when all schools will be re-plumbed.

We need to work with the Provincial Government as they are also proactively working to ensure safe drinking water in ALL BC schools. In September 2016, the Ministry of Education issued a policy statement that required school districts to test for lead content in drinking water, and to take reasonable steps necessary to resolve elevated lead levels that are outside established Health Canada guidelines.



Types of BCSTA Motions

Categories	Description	Example	Which BCSTA body can enact	Process to enact
Bylaws	The rules which govern the organization.	<i>The President, the Vice-President, the Directors and the immediate past President shall form the board of Directors. The chief Executive officer shall be a nonvoting member of the Board. (Bylaw 3)</i>	BCSTA member boards at General meetings	Extraordinary motion: 2/3 ballot vote
Foundational Statements	The core beliefs and values of the Association. Intended to guide future policy and action motions. Meant to be long-term/long standing.	<i>BCSTA believes that educational programs should address literacy, critical thinking and problem-solving, communication, collaboration, and creativity and innovation, as well as aesthetic, cultural, numerical, scientific, and technological literacies. (5.1FS Educational Programs Objectives)</i>	BCSTA member boards at General Meetings	Extraordinary motion: 2/3 ballot vote
Policy motions	Motions that support and expand Foundational Statements. Reflect context and guide the advocacy of the Association.	<i>BCSTA adopts as policy the following principle: BCSTA supports the use of a variety of instructional strategies for addressing student differences, including...</i>	BCSTA member boards at General Meetings Provincial Council (on interim basis)	Substantive (ordinary) motion: simple majority
*Action motions	Define an action that the Association will take, usually on a specific issue. (*Note: Action motions make up the majority of motions currently passed at AGM and Provincial Council. *)	<i>That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to review the transportation funding formula...</i>	BCSTA member boards at General Meetings Provincial Council	Substantive (ordinary) motion: simple majority

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