

Advancing accessibility: year one highlights (2025–2026)

During the first year of our accessibility plan, work focused on learning, listening and strengthening systems that support accessibility across schools and workplaces.



Learning and awareness

27 professional learning sessions offered

150 sessions focused on inclusive education

Accessibility learning embedded across inclusive education, technology, special education and wellness



Learning from lived experience

Photovoice: Student insights informing accessibility actions.

Secondary students with complex disabilities participate in a Photovoice research project, using photography and reflection to share their experience of learning environments. Student insights will inform actions to remove barriers and improve accessibility across schools.



Communications and awareness

- Accessibility incorporated in communications and engagement planning
- Social media posts include alt text; videos include captions
- Six online stories and highlighting accessible and inclusive happenings across VSB.

Physical accessibility



Accessibility audit data informed capital planning, with school-identified accessibility projects included in the 2026 Annual Facilities Grant (AFG).

Focus areas include elevators, accessible washrooms, emergency access and exterior access improvements.

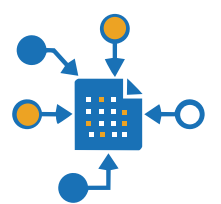
\$1M+ invested through the AFG

Accessible playgrounds



- Four accessible playgrounds completed in 2025-2026
- Five additional schools identified for future accessible playground projects
- Community engagement embedded in playground design
- Five elementary schools identified, with three projects prioritized and submitted for 2026–2027 Ministry Playground Enhancement Program funding

Accessible information and reporting



- Accessibility reporting tool promoted
- Online accessibility and inclusion information reviewed and clarified
- Reporting tool redesign underway as part of website refresh

This work continues as part of VSB's multi-year accessibility plan, with annual review and ongoing collaboration.

Feedback supports continuous improvement.



MORE INFORMATION:
www.vsb.bc.ca/year-1-accessibility

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