

Vancouver School District Trustee Candidate Information Session

August 24, 2026



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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(Musqueam)



Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw
(Squamish Nation)



səlilwətaʔ
(Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

AGENDA

OUR VSB

- Welcome and Introductions
- 2026 Trustee Election
- VSB Governance Framework
- VSB Key Information
- Q&A

Welcome and Introductions

VSB AT A GLANCE

OUR VSB

- 50,000 students attending school at over 100 locations
- K-12 and adult education, online learning and summer school
- 2,100 Indigenous students
- 46% of our students speak a language other than English at home
- 160 languages have been identified in our schools

2026 TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

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ELIGIBILITY

- Canadian citizen who will be age 18 or older on general voting day (October 17, 2026).
- BC resident for at least six months before nomination day and not be disqualified under the *School Act* or any other law from being nominated, elected, or serving as a trustee.
- Cannot serve as a school trustee if you are a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA).

2026 TRUSTEE ELECTION

NOMINATION PROCESS



- Nomination package is available for download on the City of Vancouver website or a printed copy can be picked up at the Election Office or City Hall while supplies last.
- A nomination for the office of school trustee must be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of **\$100**.
- The minimum number of qualified nominators: **25**
- Candidates should read the package carefully before filing.
- Nomination period:
 - Opens Tuesday, September 1 at 9am
 - Closes Friday, September 11 at 4pm
- Candidates are strongly encouraged to make an appointment to submit their nomination documents. Appointments between September 1 to 11 can be booked starting August 17 by phoning 604-829-2010.

2026 TRUSTEE ELECTION



KEY DATES

- Nomination period:
 - Opens Tuesday, September 1 at 9am
 - Closes Friday, September 11 at 4pm
- Deadline to withdraw your candidacy: September 18
- Campaign period: September 19 - October 17
- Advance Polling: October 3, 7, 10, 13
- Election Day: October 17
- Last day for declaration of official results: October 21
- Oath of Office: November 2 (evening)

2026 TRUSTEE ELECTION



CAMPAIGNING

- Permitted on private property with permission, and in public spaces such as sidewalks, plazas, and parks (as long as you don't block access or disrupt others).
- Not permitted inside City facilities such as community centres, libraries, or civic buildings.
- Not permitted inside VSB facilities or on VSB school grounds. This includes signs, flyers, buttons, and verbal campaigning.
- Not permitted within 100 metres of a voting place on voting days. This includes signs, flyers, buttons, and verbal campaigning.

2026 TRUSTEE ELECTION



For more information about running for trustee in the upcoming election, refer to:

City of Vancouver: [Run for Office](#)

British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA):

[2026 School Trustee Elections](#)

Ministry of Education and Child Care:

[School Trustee Election Procedures](#)

Elections BC: [2026 General Local Elections](#)

VSB GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Governing collectively. Leading strategically. Serving students and the public interest.

- Nine Locally Elected Trustees
- Elected for a four-year term

Annual Remuneration

- Trustee: \$41,600
- Board Vice-chairperson: \$47,800
- Board Chairperson: \$54,100

For more information see: Policy 6 - Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

BOARD OF EDUCATION



- Swearing in Ceremony **November 2, 2026 (evening)**
- Trustee Orientation **November 2, 3, 4, 5 (daytime) & BCSTA Academy November 26, 27, 28, 2026 (daytime and evening)**
- Inaugural Meeting **November 9, 2026 (evening)**

For more information see: Policy 7 - Board Operations

BOARD MEETINGS

- One regular board meeting per month on Wednesday (evening)
- **Closed board** meetings 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- **Public board** meetings 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- **Special board** meetings may be called

For more information see: Policy 7 - Board Operations

BOARD COMMITTEES

- **Standing Committees**
 - Education Plan Committee
 - Facilities Planning Committee
 - Finance and Personnel Committee
 - Policy and Governance Committee
 - *Advocacy Subcommittee*
- **Standalone Audit Committee**
- **Ad Hoc Committees**

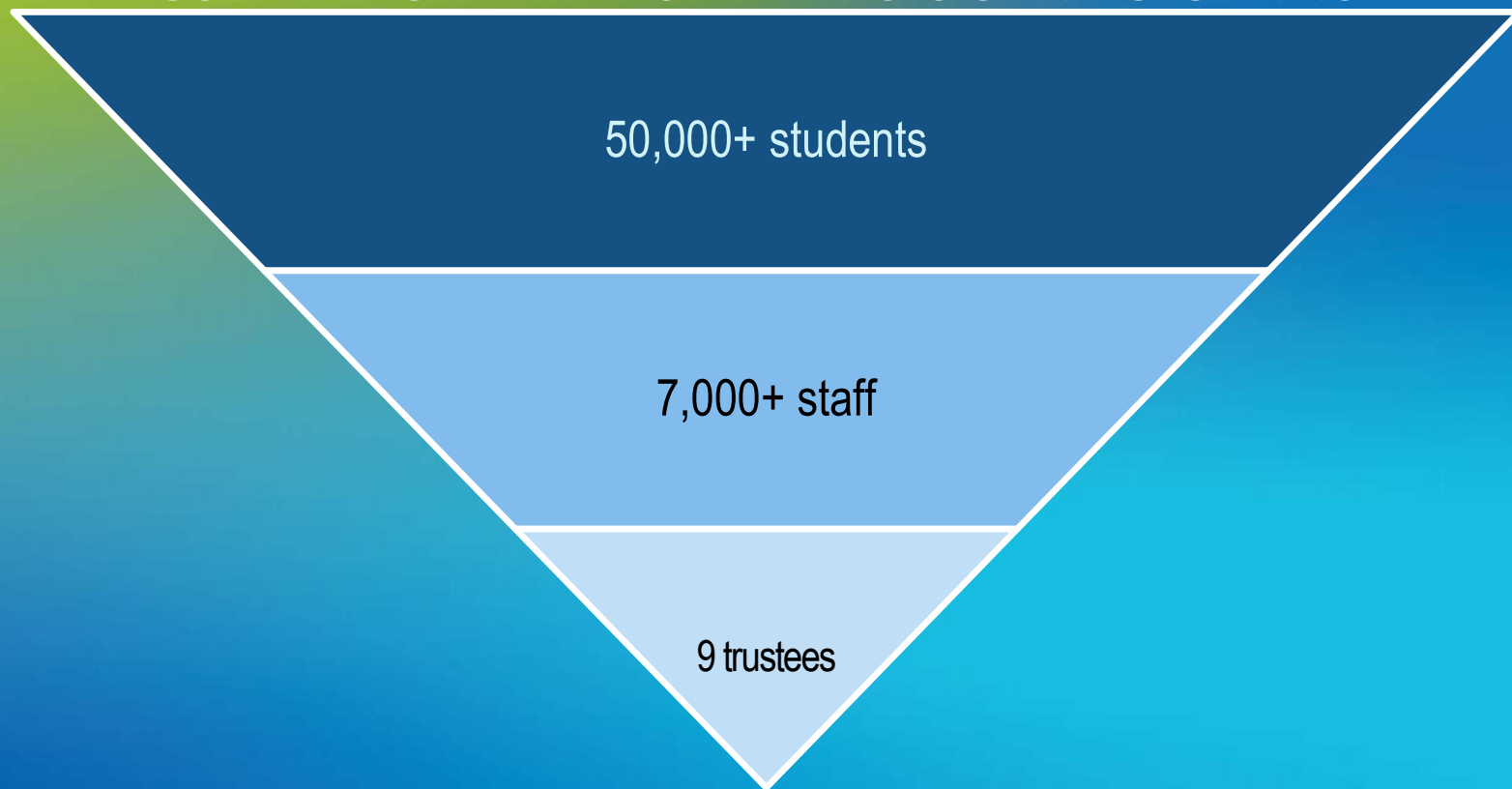
For more information see: Policy 8 - Board Committees

GOVERNING IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL STUDENTS

50,000+ students

7,000+ staff

9 trustees



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BOARD OF EDUCATION/GOVERNANCE

- Formulates policies that guide how VSB operates.
- Sets the school district's long-term vision and goals, and tracks progress against them each year.
- Approves budgets, financial statements and financial plans; and ensures public funds are used responsibly.
- Appoints and evaluates the superintendent; approves collective agreements and compensation plans for staff.
- Advocates for public education and the school district's priorities with government, through the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and other forums.

DISTRICT LEADERS/OPERATIONS

- Day-to-day management of the school district
- Guide implementation of all board decisions
- Implement board policy
- Report results to the board
- Provide advice to the board
- Corporate executive officers of the board:
 - Superintendent
 - Secretary Treasurer

Policy References:

Policy 2 - Role of the Board

Policy 11 - Board Delegation Of Authority

Policy 12 - Role of the Superintendent

VSB KEY INFORMATION

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

VSB Vancouver School Board

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Education Plan 2026



GOAL 1

The Vancouver School Board will improve student achievement, physical and mental well-being, and belonging by ...



Encouraging students to reach beyond previous boundaries in knowledge and experience.



Improving school environments to ensure they are safe, caring, welcoming, and inclusive places for students and families.



Increasing literacy, numeracy, and deep, critical, and creative thinking.



Ensuring that students develop and can implement a plan for a successful transition upon completion of secondary school.



Ensuring the alignment among school, district, and provincial education plans.



Reporting student results about performance, well-being, and outcomes to the community and using the results to improve the quality and effectiveness of the education and supports provided to students.

GOAL 2

The Vancouver School Board will increase equity by ...



Eliminating gaps in achievement and outcomes among students.



Eliminating racism and discrimination in all forms.



Evaluating and renewing plans for the improvement of Indigenous learners' education.



Improving stewardship of the district's resources by focusing on effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability.

GOAL 3

The Vancouver School Board will continue its Reconciliation journey with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit by ...



Increasing knowledge, awareness, appreciation of, and respect for Indigenous histories, traditions, cultures, and contributions.



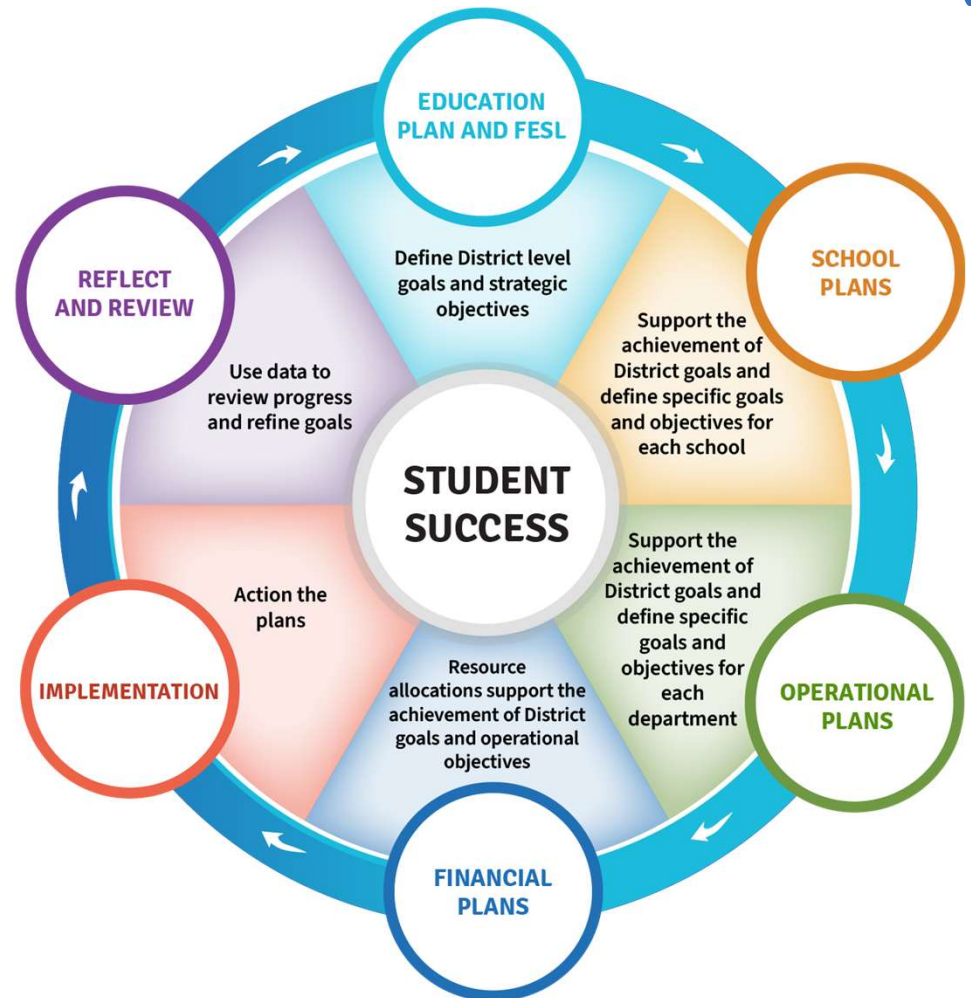
Aligning its policies and practices in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



Engaging and gathering with the xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) & salilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

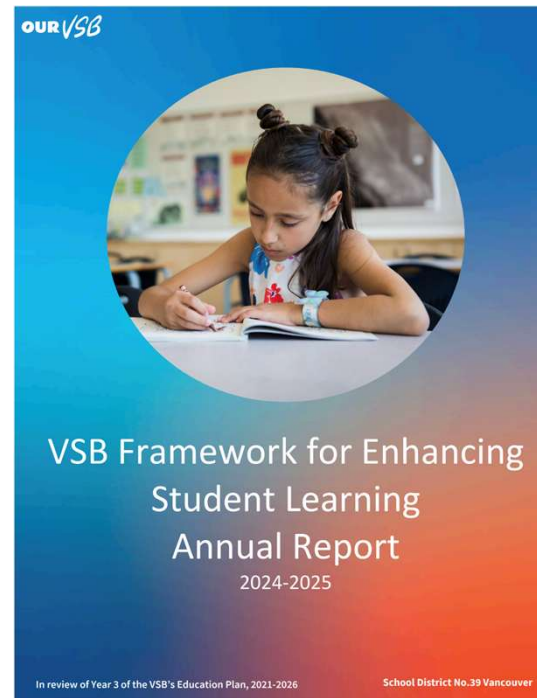
STUDENT SUCCESS

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FINANCIAL CONTEXT



FUNDED BY THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Operating Grants inside “The Block”

Multi-part formula primarily based on student enrolment:

- 80% is allocated using a standard per student FTE amount (Basic Allocation)
- Supplemental funding based on:
 - Unique student needs (Inclusive Education, ELL and Indigenous students)
 - Unique district factors
 - Funding Protection / Enrolment decline

Special Grants outside “The Block”

Special Grants targeted at specific needs. For example:

- Classroom Enhancement Fund
- Learning Improvement Fund
- CommunityLINK
- Annual Facilities Grant

Capital Funding

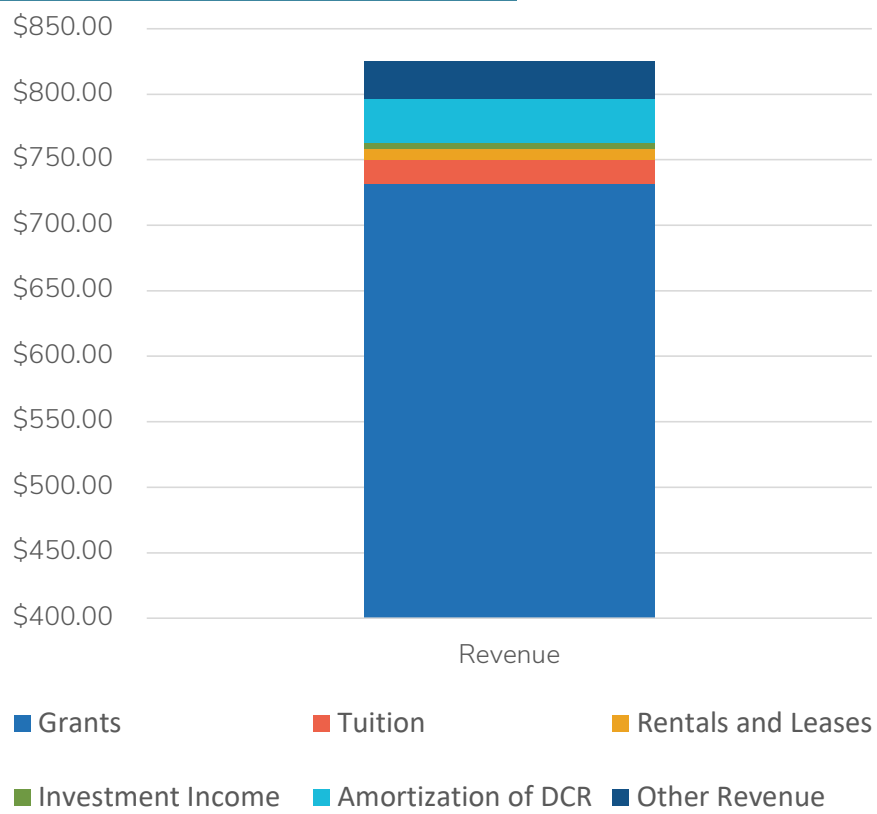
Provided based on annual capital plan submissions:

- Major Capital
- Minor Capital

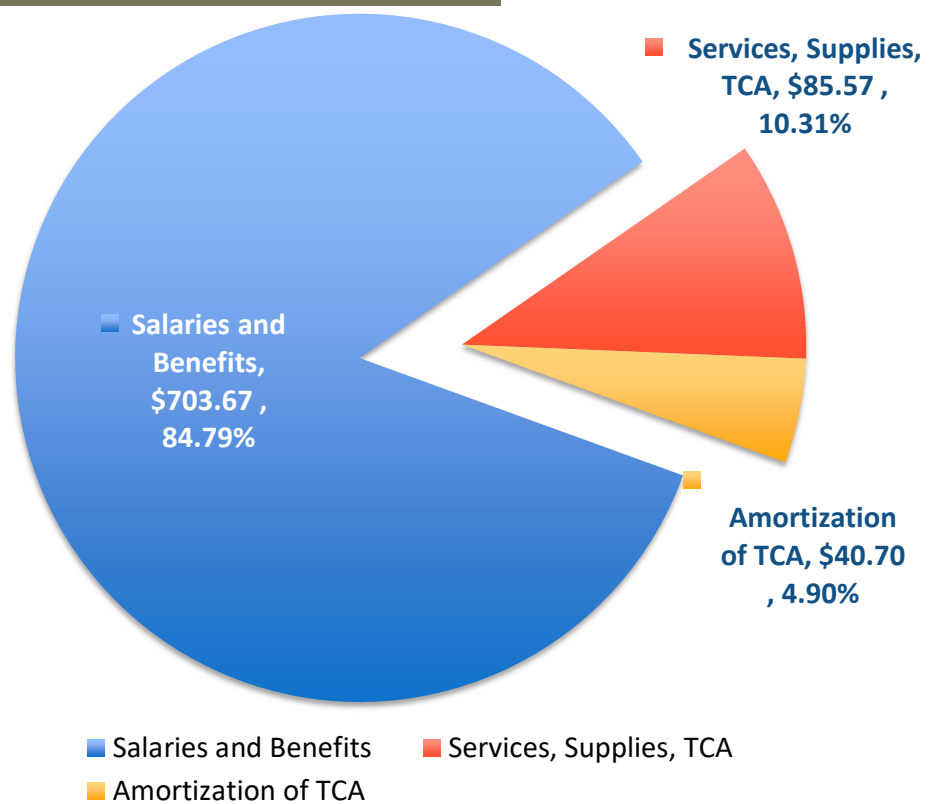
**Estimated provincial funding to be
received in 2026-27 - \$ million**

2026-2027 ALL FUNDS REVENUE AND EXPENSE

Revenue by Source \$ 825.24 M

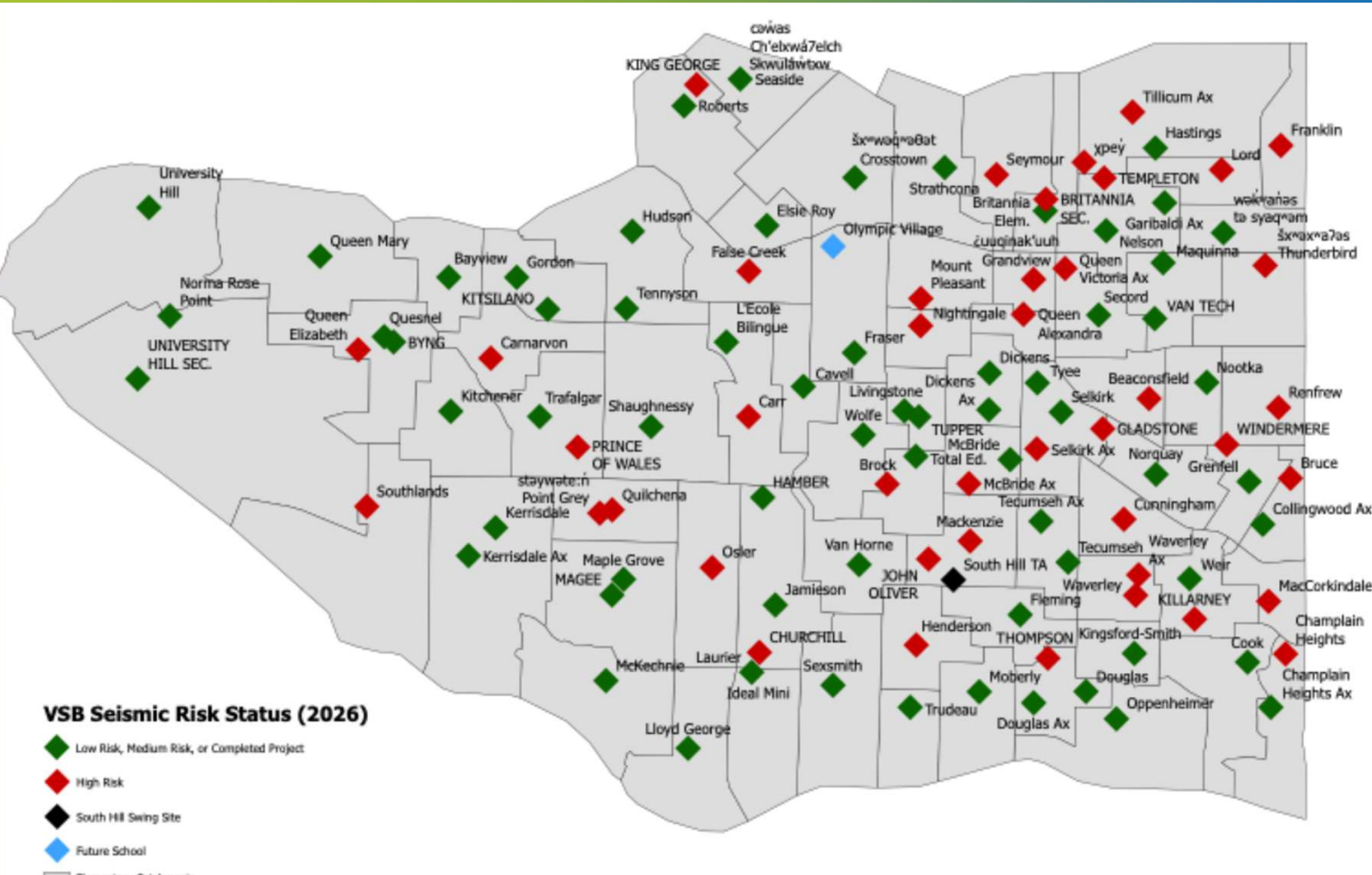


Expense by Type \$ 829.94 M

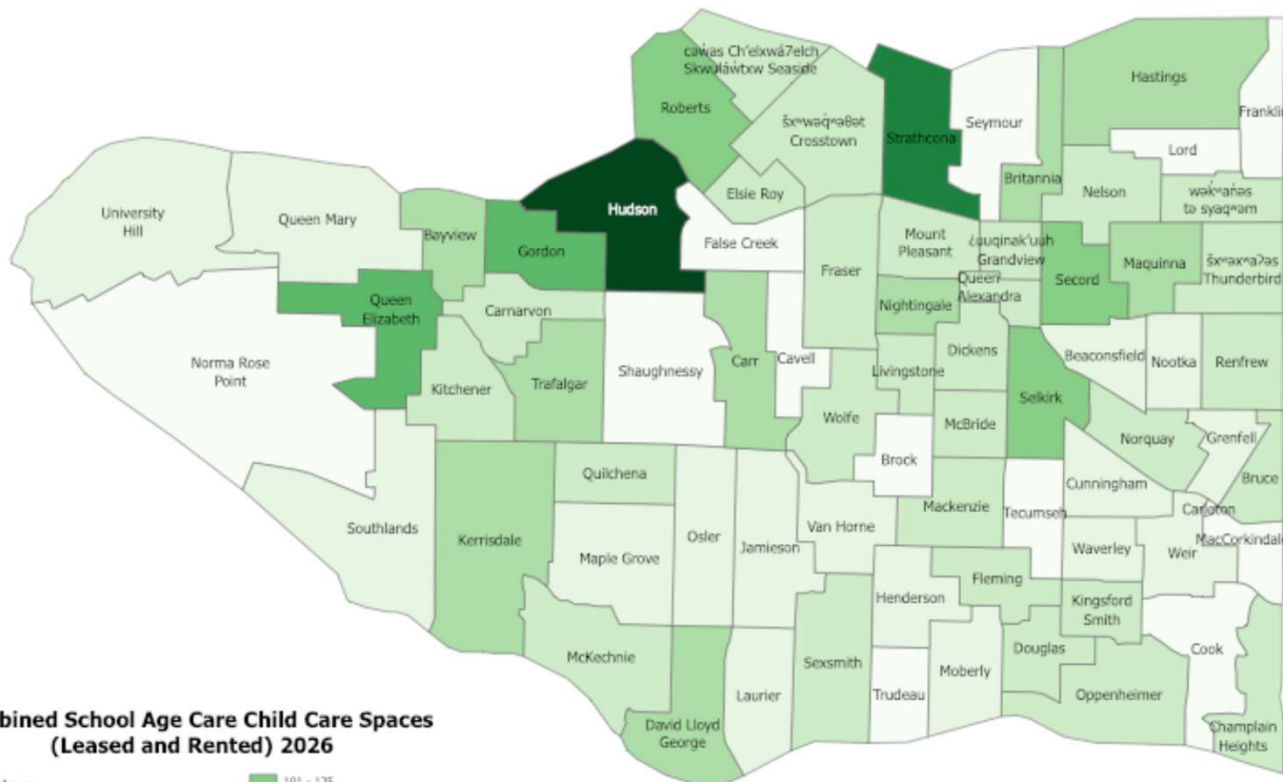


**In millions*

FACILITIES - SCHOOLS



FACILITIES – CHILD CARE



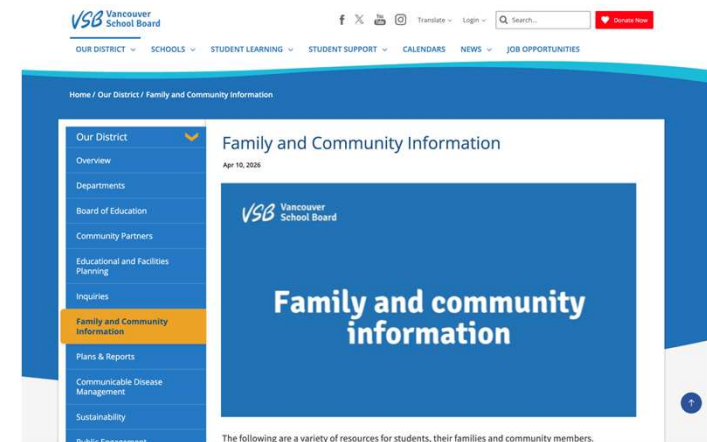
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HELP US DIRECT QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

- If it is a family with a concern, please refer them to their child's school
- Our website is a good place to refer people to when they have questions or concerns
- Otherwise:

604-713-5000
info@vsb.bc.ca

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QUESTIONS?

**For more information about
the 2026 trustee election:**

www.vsb.bc.ca/2026-trustee-election



**For more information on how
to run for office in Vancouver:**

[https://vancouver.ca/your-government/
run-for-office-in-vancouver.aspx](https://vancouver.ca/your-government/run-for-office-in-vancouver.aspx)



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THANK YOU!
