

The Board of Education Needs to Take More Time to Consider Allocation of Resources in the 2023-2024 Annual Budget

The Board of Education (BoE) is rushing into a decision that will ultimately undermine the ability of the VSB to provide an inclusive education system that offers high quality education to all students. Time must be taken to examine the effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of existing staff allocations and services and to consider ways that it would be possible to reallocate funds to increase resource teachers in all schools throughout the district and enable the inclusion of all students.

On September 26, 2022, the BoE outlined priorities to improve literacy skills. The 2023-2024 Annual Budget Draft (Guiding Direction for Budget Development) indicates an intent to realign staffing and provide additional resources for teachers. We are concerned about what this means for students with dyslexia. Presently, the Board of Education fails to provide equitable learning opportunities for students with dyslexia. This was highlighted in the board meeting on May 1, 2023. What is the Board of Education doing to address concerns raised about the lack of services for students with dyslexia? How does the Draft Budget v3 realign staffing, and what additional resources are provided for teachers? Do these resources for teachers ensure that students with dyslexia are taught literacy skills using approaches that make it possible for them to learn and become proficient at reading and writing? Will students with dyslexia have ongoing access to the literacy instruction they require to develop essential high quality literacy skills?

Presently, scarce VSB resources are wasted on a costly, ineffective, inefficient, and unsustainable literacy intervention for struggling readers known as Balanced Literacy (BL) and Reading Recovery (RR). BL is being phased out of schools in North America because it has been deemed ineffective over time, harmful to struggling readers, and a waste of district resources. (See *“Important Points to Keep in Mind as Districts Shift to the Science of Reading”* found at <https://informedliteracy.com/important-points-as-districts-shift-to-the-science-of-reading/> , *“Sold a Story”* by Emily Hanford found at <https://features.apmreports.org/sold-a-story/> , and *“NYC is promising to overhaul literacy in NYC schools. What will it take?”* found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08mIodvst38>) RR interventions teach struggling students the habits of poor readers and further hinders the ability of students with dyslexia to learn to read. BL/RR interventions undermine the ability of vulnerable students with dyslexia to acquire essential literacy skills at the times that they are needed. Balanced Literacy and hybrid approaches are not endorsed by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) because the IDA only endorses teaching approaches that are scientifically proven to be effective in teaching students with dyslexia. It is important to note that RR interventions cost more than SL approaches. Consequently, continued investment in RR programs represents poor stewardship of VSB resources.

BL and hybrid approaches are being replaced by effective and less costly Structure Literacy (SL) approaches. The IDA endorses evidence-based SL approaches. (See *“Here’s Why Schools Should Use Structured Literacy”* found at <https://dyslexiaida.org/heres-why-schools-should-use-structured-literacy/>) Presently, SL approaches represent best practices in teaching literacy to all student and are considered essential for students with dyslexia. It is important the VSB considers how investment in SL can enhance learning outcomes and literacy achievements for all students. Prior to approving the 2023-2024 Budget, the Board of Education should consider resources that are needed to make it possible for teachers to effectively employ SL approaches in their classrooms. Please consider consulting with teachers within the

district that are already employing effective evidenced-based SL approaches to understand what is needed to make it possible for ongoing SL approaches to be employed from K-12.

Valuable resources are being wasted by the ineffective and inefficient structure of Learning Services. It is critical that the BoE considers the disjointed and siloed nature of Learning Services and failures of these services to offer inclusive educational opportunities to students with learning disabilities. The BoE has a legal and moral duty to consider students with disabilities as they decide how best to allocate funds available for staffing. VSB's Learning Services should reflect best practices in inclusive education. Presently, students with disabilities are continually excluded from classrooms due to a lack of individualized educational services at the school level and ongoing lack of thought put into designing inclusive educational systems and structures.

Stewardship of district resources requires that the BoE considers the former before approval of the 2023-2024 Annual Budget.

In general students with disabilities are too often excluded in the VSB when decisions are made. Will members of the board provide accommodations needed for students with learning disabilities to participate in the leadership programs? Have leadership and sustainability initiatives been prioritized over offering equitable educational opportunities for underserved students with disabilities? How often are the voices of students with dyslexia and other disabilities represented in the Vancouver District's Student Council?

Please take some time to consider what the VSB is doing to increase equity in the district. Please take some time to thoughtfully consider (a) the policy direction established by government, (b) input and feedback from citizens and stakeholders (c) pre-established strategic plans, (d) local and ministry data, (e) existing inequalities, (f) responsible stewardship of district resources, (g) inclusion and (h) the purpose of school systems.

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
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Yours sincerely,
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Yours sincerely,
Roz Mullen

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To: [budget 2023-2024](#)
Subject: Budget 2023-24
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023 11:48:40 AM

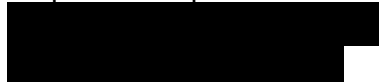
To members of the Vancouver School Board

Dear VSB Trustees:

I am writing to urge you (a) to avoid making budget cuts that would necessitate the closure of schools and (b) to refrain from selling lands owned by the VSB. I also wish to express my opposition to the planned relocation of the Ideal Mini School from its current site to Churchill Secondary; in that regard, I share the concerns expressed by parents and former students of the school, as [reported yesterday](#) in the *Vancouver Sun*.

Proposals to close schools and to sell VSB lands are particularly inappropriate in view of the fact that there has been little or no public consultation on the effects of such drastic measures, never mind on possible alternatives.

Yours sincerely,
Stephen Phillips



From: [Jo Fox](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 7:14:30 PM

Its a big mistake for the school board to cut funding for Adult Ed classes. These classes provide opportunities for adults to improve their employability. Given the school board funding cuts already endured by this group, you'll consign those folks to poverty. SO inequitable for you to do this.

I'm astonished that you would consider off-setting the present cost of food programmes by using new provincial funds intended for EXPANDING the food programmes. Shame. Pat Chauncey is likely spinning in her grave. And if you dont know her name, you dont know enough about the history of feeding hungry kids in schools in BC.

And really? Cutting MORE from school supply budgets!?! The children in our schools are our future. You are hamstringing their ability to fulfill that role.

Lastly, its wrong for the school board to set up separate child-care centres rather than build on the present system, which seems to work pretty well, and is pretty consistent with the way before and after school care is provided in many places across BC and the rest of Canada. What makes you think your idea of a completely separate, somewhat parallel contracted-out process will work? It took twenty years to wind its way through the Canadian courts, but a similar initiative dreamed up by the BC liberal government to contract out work done by health care aides in many health centres was finally rejected by the highest court in the land, and all those workers were eventually brought back into the public system, into jobs that paid a living wage and benefits. Everybody benefits by having decent wages and benefits. The only thing contracting-out childcare will get you is companies trying to make a profit from child-care. Our present in-house system doesn't try to do that. It simply looks after the kids before and after school. Keep that happening.

Yours sincerely,
Jo Fox

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From: [Kate Vincent](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Friday, April 21, 2023 10:30:54 AM

Greetings,

You have been elected to represent citizens' interests regarding education issues in Vancouver. Always, difficult decisions must be made and I am aware that the VSB must, by law, submit a balanced budget with insufficient funding allocated by the Province.

That said, it doesn't mean that you should just rubber stamp decisions put forward by VSB staff without seriously considering input from the school communities that will be affected. What I experienced at Wednesday night's Board meeting was unacceptable. I have attended many Board meetings in the past as a member of DPAC and as a concerned parent and resident of Vancouver. I know how many people fit in the room and it is far more than 37. Wednesday night's group of concerned community members would have fit standing in the back as, probably a third of them would have left. Being shuttled off to another room to watch on a screen is not being there - being heard, being seen, representing their communities.

Over the past 23 years of paying attention to education issues in B.C., I have witnessed decades of underfunding and the loss of incredibly important supports and services for the children of this city.

If we hope for a safe and healthy city in the future and a stable democracy, we must ensure that all children are well educated and supported in their ability to learn. Currently, this is not happening.

Please, remember that you represent the community - not VSB staff, not the Province. You have an obligation to advocate for the community when schools and programs are threatened; not, as happened on Wednesday, shut them out.

Yours sincerely,
Kate Vincent

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From: [Nish Thaver](#)
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Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 4:38:10 PM

I support Jennifer Reddy's budget amendments!!

Yours sincerely,
Nish Thaver

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From: [Lynn Joseph](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 6:37:22 PM

More action on childcare. You and I know that childcare is hard to find in Vancouver. In fact, only 39% of Vancouver's before- and after-school care need is met. The VSB can help. It's time for the School Board to step up and take care of our kids.

No cuts to Adult Ed. The budget proposes to cut the adult education staffing by \$350,000. These are treasured educational services in Vancouver that provide crucial programming (including high school equivalency) to some of the most vulnerable students in the District - youth and young adults with disruptions to their education looking to expand their horizons and build a better life. A reduction in services at Adult Ed adds insult to injury to students accessing programs that have been gradually eroded over the last many years. We have heard the need to offer more options such as hybrid (in person and online) classes, more locations, and increased computer access. Cutting services is not equitable.

No reductions to food programs. This budget proposes to use new provincial food funds to partially off-set food program funds already allocated in our yearly budget. We must ensure that the provincial grant intended for additional nutritional programming is used to expand and grow ACTUAL FOOD PROGRAMS. When kids are hungry at school they can't learn. Period.

No cuts to school supply budgets. Students and staff need reliable supplies rather than constantly doing more with less. When we don't provide key supplies like books and technology to kids in schools, it increases the burden on parents. I am hearing more and more about PACs that are raising money for school supplies. This model promotes inequity and I won't support it.

Respectfully
Lynn Joseph

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Subject: Please increase the funding!!!
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023 11:22:40 PM

Dear Vancouver School Board Trustees,

Im a teacher. Of 20 years. Previously in Ontario until 2012. I work 2 days a week. But it feels like 5.

I've been with the VSB for 3 years now- but a parent with the VSB for 12 years. And I cannot believe how bad things have gotten.

We are dying here. Our classes are OVER max, we have children being added to our school- with the highest medical, cognitive and emotional needs you can get- yet NO SUPPORT WORKER to accompany them. Instead, they are pulled from our existing special needs students.

Our ELL numbers this year are double what they were last. When half of my class doesn't understand, the other half aren't getting what they need either. I feel I am failing them all.

The students NEED HELP!!!!

We need help in order to HELP THEM.

I can't stress enough that we are BEYOND the breaking point here.

We are not able to teach in this environment. It's crowd control. We are blocking holes and the water is POURING in. We are DROWNING.

Not sure how long any of my colleagues can or will continue. The talented, energetic young ones are leaving in droves. Depressed and broken and not able to pay their rent. Driving the bus is easier, just as dangerous, with just as many mental health needs. But the pay is better. Without hours of prep at night.

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From: [Kate Vincent](#)
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Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Friday, April 21, 2023 10:30:54 AM

Greetings,

You have been elected to represent citizens' interests regarding education issues in Vancouver. Always, difficult decisions must be made and I am aware that the VSB must, by law, submit a balanced budget with insufficient funding allocated by the Province.

That said, it doesn't mean that you should just rubber stamp decisions put forward by VSB staff without seriously considering input from the school communities that will be affected. What I experienced at Wednesday night's Board meeting was unacceptable. I have attended many Board meetings in the past as a member of DPAC and as a concerned parent and resident of Vancouver. I know how many people fit in the room and it is far more than 37. Wednesday night's group of concerned community members would have fit standing in the back as, probably a third of them would have left. Being shuttled off to another room to watch on a screen is not being there - being heard, being seen, representing their communities.

Over the past 23 years of paying attention to education issues in B.C., I have witnessed decades of underfunding and the loss of incredibly important supports and services for the children of this city.

If we hope for a safe and healthy city in the future and a stable democracy, we must ensure that all children are well educated and supported in their ability to learn. Currently, this is not happening.

Please, remember that you represent the community - not VSB staff, not the Province. You have an obligation to advocate for the community when schools and programs are threatened; not, as happened on Wednesday, shut them out.

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Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:49:49 PM

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International Union of Operating Engineers (Local 963)

VSB Operating Budget 2023-2024 Submission

April 2023

Dear School Trustees and Board Staff:

On behalf of the more than 800 Operating Engineers working in Vancouver schools we respectfully submit the following for consideration in the 2023/2024 VSB Operating Budget.

IUOE Local 963 did not participate in the second budget engagement process in March 2023 as it was clear from the first meeting in February that the format had changed to the degree that the focus was not on stakeholders but rather Board staff's desires to tackle a "structural deficit" in the District.

With all due respect to Board staff, as a trade union, our role is to be the exclusive bargaining agent for employees covered by the IUOE 963/VSB collective agreement and to conduct our affairs constant with the *Labour Code* and other applicable laws. We advocate for workers, we raise their concerns about the workplace, we try to improve our members' lives. It is not our role to advocate for program cuts or to come up with solutions to the Board's so-called structural deficit and we found the engagement process for this year's operating budget- changed from individual stakeholder meetings to a group workshop- was not satisfactory consultation.

Membership Issues for the 2023-2024 budget

1. INVEST IN CAFETERIA FOOD PROGRAMS

Board direction, c. 2004: A Senior Management Team report to the formerly-called *Management Committee (Committee 1)* dated January 22, 2004 with the subject line "Nutrition in Vancouver Schools" states, in part:

The objective of the policy is to contribute to the establishment of healthy eating habits by:

- *Providing instruction at all levels in the basics of good nutrition; and*
- *Offering only foods of sound nutritional value in school food services programs.*

The policy, when adopted, outlined specific actions to be taken to phase out unhealthy food and beverages in schools and replace them with healthier choices.

Clearly the issue of school nutrition and universal access to healthy food for students has been on the Board's radar for many years. Since that time the provincial government has introduced food-related policies on matters including *Trans Fat, Healthy Food and Beverage Sales, Guidelines for Food and*

*Beverage Sales in BC Schools and Healthier Choices in Vending Machines in BC Public Buildings Policy*¹ to name just a few.

In June of 2022, VSB adopted a *Food Framework* with the following guiding principles:

- Food is a human right
- The VSB Food Framework is student-centered
- Every student should graduate with food skills
- Social inclusion is important
- Food plays a critical role in decolonization and reconciliation
- The well-being of school staff is important
- Every school is different
- Shifting school culture is at the root

Recently, the provincial government announced funding for school food programs in the amount of \$214.5 million over three years. On April 4, 2023, the government announced that \$71.5 million is committed to the 2023-24 school year, of which VSB will receive \$5,566,910.² An explanatory bulletin, titled *Feeding Futures School Food Programs Funding-Questions and Answers*, dated April 4, 2023 noted that equipment purchases are permissible in the first year of funding. It is unclear as to whether the VSB will receive similar amounts in years 2024-25, 2025-26, the full three year period of the *Feeding Futures* fund.

A further \$5 million is allocated provincially for capital enhancements required for school food programs, called the *Feeding Futures School Food Infrastructure Program (FIP)*, and the VSB is encouraged to make a timely application for these much-needed capital funds for school cafeterias.

We look forward to being consulted.

All Schools Should Have Access to Meals Produced by VSB Site Production Kitchens:

There are approximately 42 elementary schools that do not have any kind of food program and tend to procure food from a variety of sources, from fast food to pizza shops. **These schools should have access to the food made in-house by VSB Site Production Kitchens.**

This would make for more equitable food distribution, food safety and consistency in nutritional offerings across the District. It would also free up school Principals and Vice-Principals time spent procuring meals.

All Students Should Have Access to Culinary Arts Programs:

At present, Vancouver secondary students residing west of Main Street who are interested in taking Culinary Arts courses must commute to east side schools. This is not “equitable education,” and it also detracts from VSB efforts to reduce the organizations carbon footprint.

¹ <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/healthy-eating>

² Draft 2023-24 Annual Budget Update, page 2 of 3.

The reason for this is that seven Vancouver high schools operate with contractors (University Hill Secondary, Prince of Wales Secondary, Point Grey Secondary, Hamber Secondary, Magee secondary, Kitsilano Secondary, Lord Byng Secondary). At these sites there are no Culinary Arts Programs as a result of this arrangement. This arrangement must end.

Further, as the VSB is a *Living Wage Employer*, it is not clear if the VSB has ensured that this policy is adhered to by the current contractor and we therefore **request a compliance review** and immediate corrective actions if the policy is not being followed.

Our cafeteria members, including many trade qualified red seal Bakers and Chefs, have commented to the union that there is not a level playing field with the Contractors as they seem to be able to sell products (such as ice-cream) that schools are not allowed to sell as they strictly follow the *Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools*. This makes financial comparisons very challenging if all parties are not playing by the same rules. And it is the kids who pay the price- both in lesser nutritional offerings along with no culinary courses being available.

Repatriation of these school cafeterias back into the VSB system must occur if the VSB truly envisions equitable access to courses as well as other desired goals, including food nutrition literacy.

Equipment: A revised report by ³*Chemistry Consulting* (December 2018) to the VSB addressed kitchen equipment:

(At page 41) "Another major consideration in the ongoing sustainability of the teaching cafeterias is that the VSB is facing the need to invest heavily in the repair and replacement of the kitchen infrastructure and equipment that is necessary for the effective delivery of these programs."

Earlier in this submission we noted there is new provincial money that can be used for this purpose and the Board is encouraged to make application for such funds.

2. INCREASE CLASSROOM SUPPORTS

Supervision Aides: Funding at least one 4 hour/day Supervision Aide at each Elementary School. These positions are currently 2.5 hours per day, but we know school administration would like to have more Supervision Aide coverage at their schools.

Operations Department Supplies: Funding Operations supplies required to operate the schools. Members have recently been told in a group bulletin that "Operations is facing a significant budget crunch" and "cutting down quantities" that members have ordered. We were disappointed to see this especially given our collective experiences with COVID-19 and ask that this apparent cutback on supplies be rescinded.

3. DON'T CLOSE SCHOOLS

³ Review and Recommendations of VSB Food Services Business Operations, updated and revised December 2018.

Given the scarcity of land in the Vancouver combined with some of the highest real estate and property values in North America, it is short-sided to close schools. The cost of re-acquiring land or properties to rebuild school capacity will be astronomical if current trends continue.

Further, there are stakeholder concerns regarding student enrollment forecasts. Recently a representative from DPAC pointed out that there was a 1,400 student discrepancy between the VSB's enrollment forecast, done in February 2023, and the actual enrollment the following September, and noted this was a "lot of revenue."

Similar concerns have been raised with the Board's multi-year student enrollment forecasts. In a letter from Vancouver DPAC to the City Manager of Vancouver the issue was described in this manner:

Vancouver's education system is at a critical juncture, as the lack of transparency and unpreparedness for growth of the Vancouver School Board (VSB) threaten to undermine the quality of education for Vancouver students. Moreover, the VSB's failure to produce accurate and transparent population/enrollment forecasts, its low public participation rate, and discrepancies with the Ministry of Education and Child Care further erode public trust.

It is important that VSB Trustees and Staff get this right, because there's a lot at stake. Not only could we need many additional schools, but QEA is the first of 21 schools that have been identified for disposition.

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The Ministry's enrollment forecast originally called for 10,083 more children, but new information obtained from the VSB on April 5th has now verified that the Ministry forecast will be for 5,000 more children to be in the VSB over the next decade. This differs from the VSB forecast for 5,000 fewer students. This discrepancy must be factored into decisions regarding school infrastructure and land usage, in accordance with VSB Policy 20. An irreversible decision about land disposition without sound evidence will negatively affect the quality of life, affordability, society, and the economy in Vancouver.

VSB trustees must plan for the future using the best available data. To declare schools "surplus" to the educational needs of the District cannot be empirically sustained based on the wide discrepancies in data. The legacy of any Board that closes its facilities only to later have to re-acquire at enormous cost will be memorialized in the decisions and not forgotten. For Trustees considering higher office this legacy will follow them.

-Thank You-



Vancouver Elementary Principals' and Vice Principals' Association
A Chapter of the British Columbia Principals' and Vice Principal's Association

April 21, 2023

Re: additional Budget Submission

To David Green, Secretary-Treasurer for the Vancouver School Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to engage in the 2023/2024 school year budget process. VEPVPA has already submitted a budget request and has these additional thoughts about the budget and addressing the structural deficit. We appreciated having the Vancouver School District Stakeholder Engagement: Budget Development 2023-2024 document to which to refer.

We note that there are several possible restructuring strategies that could occur over multiple years to address the structural deficit. As agents of the Board, we fully support finding efficiencies in the areas of Facilities and in economies of scale. We acknowledge that these efficiencies will have an impact on administrators and school staff in the District. Efficiencies that directly impact students should be considered after those that would not have a direct impact.

Among the efficiencies mentioned in the document, we note that much research and consultation has gone into ideal school size and the Long Range Facilities Plan. While implementation of measures such as relocation of students from annexes to the Main school and discontinuing programs that are undersubscribed or do not have their own funding source will impact staff and students, they represent a significant step towards addressing the structural deficit, which would result in cost savings, providing the necessary resources to work towards the goals and objectives outlined in the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Plan and the VSB Strategic Plan, also known as the Education Plan.

We were involved in the development of the FESL Plan as well as the Education Plan and fully support:

- Ensuring there is efficient and sufficient elementary staffing, especially support staff working directly with students,
- Mental Health education and the development of mental health literacy among school staff,
- Combining secondary classes where feasible (as we already do in elementary schools),
- Greater efficiency and effectiveness in providing VLN service to students,
- Restructuring of programming, organization and resources for summer learning,
- Supporting Indigenous learners and their families through targeted service delivery and the promotion of collective responsibility of Indigenous Education across the District.

As agents of the Board, Vancouver Elementary Principals and Vice Principals will support and implement the identified strategies to achieve the goals of the District to submit a balanced budget. We recognize that a continued structural deficit in the budget is unsustainable and must be addressed sooner than later. We are committed to the provision of the best educational experience to all students in Vancouver and know that this requires responsible fiscal management of the School District's resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Ankie Carswell, President

From: [Kim Werker](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: Budgets Reflect What You Prioritize
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:04:41 AM

My son is in grade 7 at Jules Quesnel Elementary, and he has never been in a classroom with a credentialed music teacher. Over the course of his years in public school in Vancouver, I have watched, and fought, as cuts have not only gutted and made inequitable our students' access to quality arts education, but made basic services inaccessible to students with a wide range of needs across our district.

On top of that, our son attended Queen Elizabeth Annex from K-3, which means our family has been begging the VSB for clear answers and to be listened to since he started school.

As we look ahead to him starting high school next year, I realize how deep-down exhausted I am from begging. Every student in this district deserves not only to have their basic needs met, but to be given every opportunity to thrive. And so I am here to beg once more for you to fund vital programs, to ensure that students with special needs receive the supports they need no matter what school they attend, to remember at all times as you deliberate that children are children, not cogs in a machine or beans to be counted.

Yours sincerely,
Kim Werker

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From: [Erin Arnold](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 9:15:26 PM

Good evening,

I am concerned with the short sighted opinions of selling off land and closing programs without consulting the students/PAC and community. The mini schools population requires additional time and resources to adjust to your quick decisions. Please think twice for the students sake we do not want mental health rates to rise, dropping out of school to rise or substance use to increase due to the changes in their routines.

Yours sincerely,

Erin Arnold
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From: [Laurel Weldon](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:03:03 AM

Dear Trustees,

My child currently attends Britannia. My son graduated from the IB program at Brit a few years ago and now attends University of Toronto double majoring in Physics and Public Policy. He is doing very well, and this is largely due to the excellent training he received at Brit. My daughter currently attends Brit and plans to do the same program as her brother.

I write to express my serious concern about the VSB budget. This Budgets reflect priorities and I am concerned that this budget continues to neglect East Vancouver and the schools providing opportunities for diverse families- diverse families in terms of class, ethnicity, race and indigeneity. There should be no cuts and no closures, especially in the already underserved communities of the City. I will be watching closely and contacting my local, provincial and federal representatives about my concerns.

Yours sincerely,
Laurel Weldon

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From: [Kyla Epstein](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:11:35 AM

Hello Vancouver School Board Trustees,

As a VSB parent my priorities for this budget are clear:

1. Redistribution of resources across the district to reduce the inequities between schools. No child should have a lesser experience in a Vancouver school just because of where they live.
2. Ensure no child is hungry at school.
3. Combat racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia and transphobia, and all forms of hate so that no child or family is discriminated against.
4. Keep neighbourhood schools - especially elementary - open. Retain school board land in public control and engage in process with First Nations rights holders for co-governance of the lands.
5. Support Indigenous language programming and decolonization efforts.
6. Hire more mental health workers and counsellors.
7. Have continuous day childcare in all elementary schools.

Thank you for your service. Please remember, you are accountable to everyone in the district - current and future students and families - not just those that elected you.

Take care,
Kyla Epstein

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From: [Ruby Smith](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:23:30 AM

For this upcoming school year, I want to make sure that culturally appropriate Mental Health supports are PRIORITIZED for students. I'm incredibly disappointed to see that this fund has been drastically slashed at a time where youth are facing increased climate anxiety, transphobia, and racism. Without these supports, I fear for the decline of mental health for the youth that need it the most.

Yours sincerely,
Ruby Smith Díaz

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From: [Stephanie Bortnick](#)
To: [budget 2023-2024](#)
Subject: Tecumseh Annex School Closure
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:11:35 PM

Hello,

I am a parent of a child at Tecumseh Elementary Annex in the VSB district. This school is needed in the community it serves. Annexes fill a role in the education system for those neurodivergent kids and sensitive kids that would be overwhelmed by the larger elementary schools that service this area. Starting early learning in a smaller environment is very beneficial to all kids. The better the start of their education journey the more willing students are to continue. Tecumseh annex has a thriving school spirit and a community that supports it being kept open. Please consider other budget cuts and not closing this annex.

Take care,
Stephanie Bortnick



From: [Elaine Lafontaine](#)
To: janet.fraser@vangreens.ca; [Victoria Jung](#); [Preeti Faridkot](#); lois.chan-pedley@vangreens.ca; alfred@abcvancouver.ca; suzie@copevancouver.ca; [Jennifer Reddy](#); [Christopher Richardson](#); [Joshua Zhang](#); [budget 2023-2024](#)
Subject: Please demand an Increase of Funding for Public Education with the provincial government
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:04:19 PM

Dear Vancouver School Board Trustees,

As a concerned community member, I am writing to urge you to advocate for increased funding for public education in British Columbia. We know that public schools play a critical role in supporting the learning, health, and development of our youth and reducing societal inequities. However, British Columbia has chronically spent well under the Canadian average of public education funding, leaving our province billions of dollars behind the national average.

In order to close this funding gap and improve services provided to students, I urge you as a VSB Trustee to use your power and platform to advocate with the provincial government for increased funding to public schools.

Furthermore, as a Trustee, I urge that in considering the 2023-2024 VSB budget, that you prioritize the five following issues:

a) Budgets with the goal of fully funded, staffed and serviced classrooms

The lack of adequate funding is felt by learners on a daily basis, and only by adequately and appropriately funding our schools can the VSB's students be fully supported in their education. Despite the projected increase of 10,000 students in Vancouver over the next ten years, the recently announced 2023 BC Budget only features a 0.4% percent increase planned in education and child care spending between 2023/24 and 2024/25. This is simply not enough to address the chronic shortfalls that our public education system has faced for far too long. I urge you to advocate for a level of funding that will ensure students receive all in-class services they need.

b) Restore full services to meet the needs of students and schools

Students with unique learning needs are not adequately supported under current provincial budgets, and district spending on Special Education far exceeds the funding that the provincial government provides. This underfunding negatively affects students with disabilities and learning challenges, and promotes staffing shortages that pull Resource Teachers away from the students who need them most. Students require full services and full staffing in order for their educational needs to be fulfilled.

c) Public lands in public hands

The BC Ministry of Education projects enrolment to grow by 10,000 students in Vancouver alone over the next ten years. School boards need to adequately plan for the future, rather than closing schools and selling public lands to balance budgets in the short term. The Vancouver School Board's surveys have shown that communities are against selling VSB property, and public lands should stay in public hands.

d) Public funding for public education

Over the last two decades, BC's funding of public education has been consistently lower than the national average. If in the 2017-2018 school year alone BC public education was funded at the national average, our public schools would have an extra \$2.3 billion to help meet student's needs. Meanwhile, in recent years, taxpayer funding of private schools has increased faster than funding to public education. Both provincial and municipal governments need to show that public education is a top priority by ending the decades of austerity that have been forced on BC's public school students.

e) Enact the three goals of Reconciliation, equity, and student learning and well-being

Schools are essential foundations for the understanding and care that is required for Reconciliation as a province and a people. We must ensure that our schools are focal points for the vital, unique, and specific supports that young people require in British Columbia.

I urge you as you consider the VSB's 2023-2024 budget, to consider that budget cuts harm students by removing supports they need to succeed in their learning. Other avenues exist to meet our student's needs and I urge you to take action and advocate with the provincial government for increased public education funding in British Columbia. Our children and future generations deserve a strong and well-supported public education system, and it is time for our leaders to prioritize this critical issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,
Elaine Lafontaine

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To: janet.fraser@vangreens.ca; [Victoria Jung](mailto:Victoria.Jung@vangreens.ca); [Preeti Faridkot](mailto:Preeti.Faridkot@vangreens.ca); lois.chan-pedley@vangreens.ca; alfred@abcvancouver.ca; suzie@copevancouver.ca; [Jennifer Reddy](mailto:Jennifer.Reddy@vangreens.ca); [Christopher Richardson](mailto:Christopher.Richardson@vangreens.ca); [Joshua Zhang](mailto:Joshua.Zhang@vangreens.ca); [budget_2023-2024](#)
Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:22:35 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Liam Patterson-Morris

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From: [Ken Su](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: No School Closures. Maintain Programs and add innovative new options. More effective use of budget funds. Be transparent and accountable to the people.
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 10:52:44 PM

To whom it may concern,

The current state of the VSB is of grave concern for those who are aware of what is going on.

Significant change is needed. The VSB has unfortunately lost the public's trust through its opaque, exclusionary, heavy handed, short sighted, and incomplete approach to important matters.

Many people in the community are deeply concerned and saddened by the current state of affairs and are struggling to find ways to make an impact and try to stop what could be catastrophic for our Province and our entire society in the longer term.

There needs to be accountability which isn't there now. There needs to be transparency to stop the dishonesty and backroom dealings. There needs to be a culture of collaboration and doing the right thing which is the opposite of what happens now. The VSB should be a safe environment where students, parents, community members, teachers, or even trustees can raise their hands and speak up without fear of retribution or penalties.

The very highly paid people in the organization, some of which have been in the 'business' for many years really need to start to deliver quality work product and services that match their extremely high compensation levels (publicly disclosed).

Through their behaviour, actions, and 'results' the current VSB essentially has been failing the families, students, and community. The very people they have a sacred duty to protect are reaching out only to be ignored, providing ideas/information/solutions only to be dismissed, and seeking a healthy sustainable quality public education system only to be thwarted at every turn by a district that seems to have some other undisclosed agenda of its own.

There are so many teachers and administrators at the schools that are doing amazing work and propping up the system and they do this while being paid far less than their head office colleagues and having virtually no say in what is dictated by head office. Looking at the publicly filed financial statements showing aggregate teacher salaries versus aggregate head office costs over time is extremely informative and quite counterintuitive.

There are also a small minority of past and present trustees who are working hard for those who voted for them and are trying to do the right thing. These people face criticism and even censure. The majority of elected trustees sadly seem content to sit idly by watching the dismantling of our school system or even actively enabling the unstrategic decisions based on bad data and faulty analysis.

The budget needs to put money where it belongs and where it is needed. The budget should be to take care of the kids and enhance learning experiences. The budget needs to go to keeping schools open, keeping programs like Choice (French Immersion, IB, Mandarin Immersion) or MACC or Mini-schools going, and offering new innovative programs like Nature/Forest school or Advanced Tehnology or International Studies type subjects needed for the future. The budget should be for the front line works, the teachers. The budget should be for providing a better indoor and outdoor experience for the students through facilities. The budget isnt for fatter head office salaries/pensions. The budget isn't for overpriced consultants. The budget isn't for expensive lawyers to redact FOI requests or fight just causes like keeping a community school open.

Please think of the public. Please think of the students, families, and community. Please be part of the solution.

Yours sincerely,
Concerned Community Member

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From: [Khristine Carino](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:52:46 PM

- Increase budget for Adult Education.
- Increase budget for School Supplies.

Yours sincerely,
Khristine Carino

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From: [Barbara Bradbury](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 3:20:55 PM

Please do not move Ideal Mini School into a larger school. This school is helping a lot of students who don't fit well into the regular school system. If you put all those students into the regular school system it will overburden the teachers in those schools, or you will have to provide more teachers' aids.

Also with the large development by the Indigenous people on the land in Jericho that was DND, will house thousands of people who many of which will have children who need to go to school. So closing down and selling off the Queen Elizabeth Annex, is not looking to the future. As previous school boards have done when the downtown was built up with residences, the school there has been over subscribed since it was built. This is shameful!

I also would like the police to get out of the classrooms in Vancouver, there are Indigenous people in some of the classrooms that feel threatened by them, also black children and any LGBT2 people.

Yours sincerely,
Barbara Bradbury

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From: [Nicholas Lauga](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: VSB Budget
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:44:56 PM

Hello

My requests for the VBS Budget:

- 1) Please do not close down any schools.
- 2) We need more schools not less.
- 3) We need more afterschool care so parents can work full time.
- 4) We need the Olympic village school now.

Nicholas Lauga

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From: [Mari Piggott](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:31:35 PM

Hello,

My priorities this year are students, particularly marginalized students and those with special needs, and teachers and EAs getting fair wages. THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY POLICE IN SCHOOLS! Funding should go into Indigenous education, alternative education, schools in poorer neighbourhoods, smaller class sizes, more mental health support, etc. There should not be any cuts to schools, class sizes, teacher and EA staff salaries, etc.

Yours sincerely,
Mari Piggott

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From: [Rebecca Watt](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:26:08 PM

In short, I dont want to see any cuts to programming in the arts and music for kids, or for support workers, aids, and IEP assessments.

And I dont want to see school board lands sold off.

Yours sincerely,
Rebecca Watt

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From: [Steve Anderson](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:15:46 PM

Please address climate change as much as possible.

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Steve Anderson

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From: [Tanya Lewis](#)
To: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:11:39 PM

Dear Trustees,

I attended last night's VSB's Budget meeting and was moved by the many children who attended in an attempt to continue learning in the buildings and communities they treasure. I once again urge the VSB to preserve its small schools for the long-term needs of Vancouver's children and not close them or sell them for short-term gain.

If the budget included the savings achieved through staffing shortages (a budgeting omission raised at the meeting), through limits to senior administrators' wage increases, and to spending on consultants, the VSB would better model the kind of principled behavior it asks of its students.

Yours sincerely,
Tanya Lewis

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Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:51:53 AM

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Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:16:08 PM

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Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:02:17 PM

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,
MJ Moran

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:40:31 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:56:28 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:59:42 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Michelle Yen

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:05:03 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:18:00 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:27:22 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:41:16 PM

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Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 7:42:36 PM

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Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 8:16:54 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Lyndsey LaBontee

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Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:21:21 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:22:01 PM

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Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 9:29:02 PM

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Maya Madison

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
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Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:18:26 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:37:29 AM

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Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:27:46 AM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:04:31 AM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:19:01 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Harshini McLeod

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:20:39 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Dawn Erbers

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:28:08 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Caroline de Vos

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:48:35 AM

Dear Vancouver School Board Trustees,

Speaking from forty years experience, as a retired teacher from (Vancouver School district, Surrey School District) and UBC Education Adjunct Faculty Advisor, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING!!

As a concerned community member living at UBC and an alert and aware grandparent of four grandchildren attending Vancouver and Richmond Elementary Schools, I am writing to urge you to advocate for increased funding for public education in British Columbia. We know that public schools play a critical role in supporting the learning, health, and development of our youth and reducing societal inequities. However, British Columbia has chronically spent well under the Canadian average of public education funding, leaving our province billions of dollars behind the national average.

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Noreen Maguire

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Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:05:30 AM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:34:02 AM

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Subject: Urging You to Advocate for Increased Funding of Public Education
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:24:27 AM

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Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 1:51:45 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Brittany Shoemaker

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Celia Yeung

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Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:29:39 PM

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Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023 3:55:03 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Laurent Brisebois

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Dear Vancouver School Board,

I am writing to express my support for the Sustainability Department and its important work. As a member of Climate Education Reform BC, Point Grey Sustainability Club, and Be The Change Earth Alliance's Youth 4 Climate Justice, I have witnessed firsthand the impact that the Sustainability Department has had on students throughout Vancouver.

The Sustainability Department has consistently supported student-led movements through sustainability grants. At Point Grey Secondary, the Sustainability Club was able to reach over 250 students by serving vegan food to promote sustainability, thanks to the grant they received. Furthermore, the Sustainability Department has been an active supporter of student movements outside of school. They have played a crucial role in supporting various movements, such as conferences and workshops, initiated by students who want to see change. This support has been instrumental in amplifying the voices of Vancouver's youth in the sustainability field.

However, the Sustainability Department's funding is largely dependent on energy savings, which are not a guaranteed source. This uncertainty makes it difficult for the Department to sustain and grow their current work in consideration of their current capacity. Therefore, we urge the Vancouver School Board to provide a more stable budget plan for the Sustainability Department. By doing so, we can ensure that the Department can continue to support student-led movements and initiatives that promote sustainability.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate our full support for the Sustainability Department at the upcoming budget delegations meeting on April 19th. We urge the Vancouver School Board to recognize the important work of the Department and to provide a stable and reliable budget to support its ongoing efforts.

Sincerely,

Ivy [REDACTED] on behalf of Climate Education Reform BC, Point Grey Sustainability Club, and Be The Change Earth Alliance's Youth 4 Climate Justice.

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 10:00:37 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 3:34:40 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Monday, April 3, 2023 8:45:28 AM

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Date: Monday, April 3, 2023 2:08:45 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Monday, April 3, 2023 12:29:43 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Monday, April 3, 2023 3:44:03 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Krista Sigurdson

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Monday, April 3, 2023 3:47:30 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Monday, April 3, 2023 5:00:25 PM

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Subject: Please Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Monday, April 3, 2023 10:34:43 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Monday, April 3, 2023 10:58:05 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 8:09:15 AM

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Cc: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: Budget priorities
Date: Friday, April 28, 2023 4:45:02 PM

Hi there,

I'm concerned that I keep hearing about cutbacks and putting abstract financial records ahead of the reality of quality education.

Please use your privileged positions as elected officials to advocate for better funding from the province. Our students deserve a well-funded system, especially with new initiatives like richer Indigenous learning.

If we don't have arts programs or money for supplies in schools, then we're little better than daycares with workbooks, and the private system will boom. Every student deserves to have a well-funded education in this beautiful city.

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Sunday, April 30, 2023 2:43:49 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Sunday, April 30, 2023 11:03:54 AM

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Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023 8:47:48 AM

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Roz Mullen

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From: Kate Walker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 10:47 AM
To: budget 2022-2023
Subject: VSP budget - priorities and process

Good morning,

You will remember as we do, that Mayor Ken Sim promised that the new ABC members on council and boards, would listen to the people. Are you sure you are doing that?

Not showing up to a meeting with the Ideal Mini School people, not allowing time for discussion of budget cuts and priorities and not being transparent. This is not "listening" as we had hoped it would be.

For Ideal Mini School, where one of my now very successful adult children attended years ago, making them lose their space when there are clearly other options for the elementary school students who will take over their space. When one of their students talked about his mental health being at risk with the move, were you listening? Education happens in many ways. One of my daughter's classmates at Ideal did not function well in conventional school but excelled at Ideal and is now a very fine and respected teacher.

Priorities should be excellent and diverse programming for students. When you lose sight of that, you cease to be a board we can support.

Please reorient your thinking and get your priorities in order.

Thank you.

Kate

Yours sincerely,

Kate Walker
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Cc: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023 10:03:30 PM

Hey folks - with a 4 year old, I just went thru hell and back for the kindergarten registration process, and we're not done yet, because before and after school care is a nightmare in this city. Who knows what our situation will be in September.

It was, and still is (because we're not done) honestly the most stressful thing I've ever gone thru. That was such a great introduction to the broken education system we have in our city. Can't wait until we go through this again with my 2 year old.

My wife just had dinner with her friends in Coquitlam and new west, and heard how easy it was for their kids. How is our school board the only outlier in the province in this ridiculousness?

Please fix that, and provide more before and after school care.

Yours sincerely,
Alex Taylor

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Cc: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Friday, April 28, 2023 7:50:26 AM

Dear School Board,

As a parent of two children currently in two different VSB schools, I'm eager to ensure that as someone directly impacted by the budget, I have input in the process.

My family moved here from Los Angeles, where free breakfast was offered to every child in the vast LA Unified School District system. I've been surprised and disappointed such food programs are not offered here. I hope the budget reflects increased investment in school food support. Kids who are hungry can't learn -- more than that, they often act out from hunger, too often resulting in disciplinary action and alienating them from school further. Food programs are a critical tool for positive school climate, and for school success. All studies show these programs are most successful (and least stigmatizing, thus ensuring actual use) when offered without question or qualification across the board to all students.

Additionally, there needs to be a significant increase in school supply budget (including for field trips). I've seen both my kids come home with photocopied pages from workbooks, or history books that are embarrassingly outdated. As a parent, we fundraise to help fill gaps in the school, but supplies should be something the VSB prioritizes to ensure teachers have the basics, and students are able to learn.

I hope both these priorities are reflected in the school budget. I also hope next year there is more time for community engagement in the process.

With thanks,

Kaile Shilling

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Cc: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Friday, April 28, 2023 8:13:31 AM

More support for designated students who are non/ minimally verbal.

Yours sincerely,
Suchi Watagodakumbura

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Cc: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Sunday, April 30, 2023 4:49:33 PM

Support Adult Ed. This is an equity issue.

Support food programs. Kids need at least this equalizer to help them learn.

Strengthen school supply budgets. PACs raising money for school supplies is incredibly inequitable and keeps them away from engaging in educational activities that are genuinely useful.

Sincerely,

Michael Vlasman

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Cc: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for this budget
Date: Monday, May 1, 2023 7:43:47 AM

I want funding for teachers, unique educational experiences, investments into supporting the arts and materials.

Yours sincerely,
Sasha Yu

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Cc: [budget 2022-2023](#)
Subject: My priorities for tonight's VSB budget
Date: Monday, May 1, 2023 2:10:02 PM

I'm hearing that not using provincial money for food for actual food is on the table. This makes no sense.

Child care is critically needed and even something that can be addressed as simply as running homework clubs.

Make sure the child is centred in your thinking and not Excel sheets.

Yours sincerely,
Robert Ford

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 5:38:24 PM

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