

PUBLIC DELEGATION BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 18, 2023, at 7:00 pm In the Boardroom

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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1.2 **OPENING REMARKS**

2. DELEGATIONS

Delegations are estimated to begin approximately at 7:00 PM.

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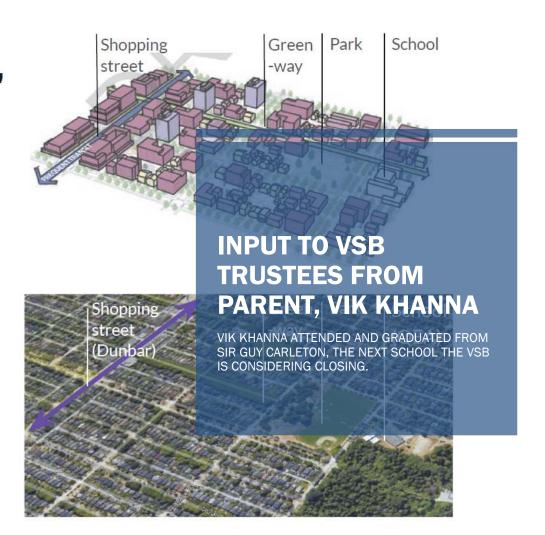


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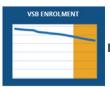


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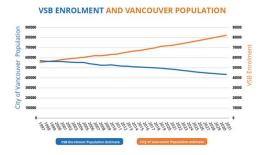
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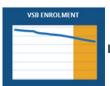
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Oct. 11, 2019 | Categories: Schools & Students, News & Advisories



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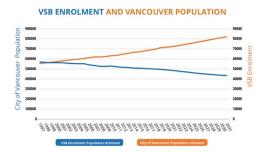
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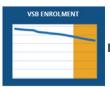


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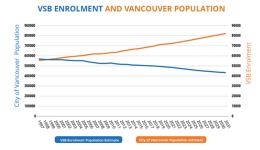
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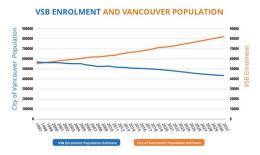
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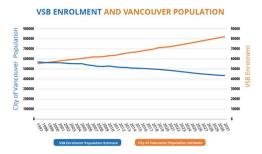
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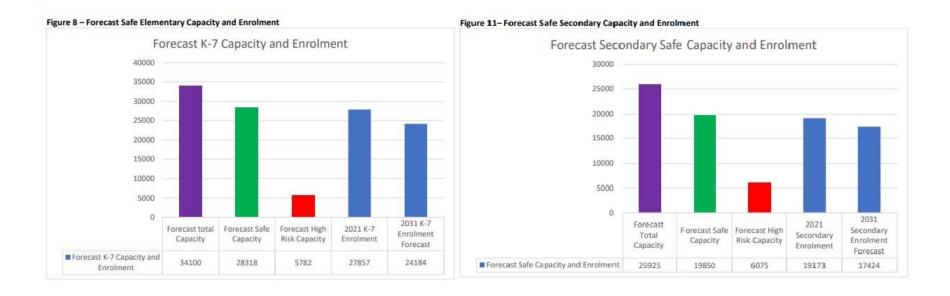
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Massive Declines Everywhere! Why?

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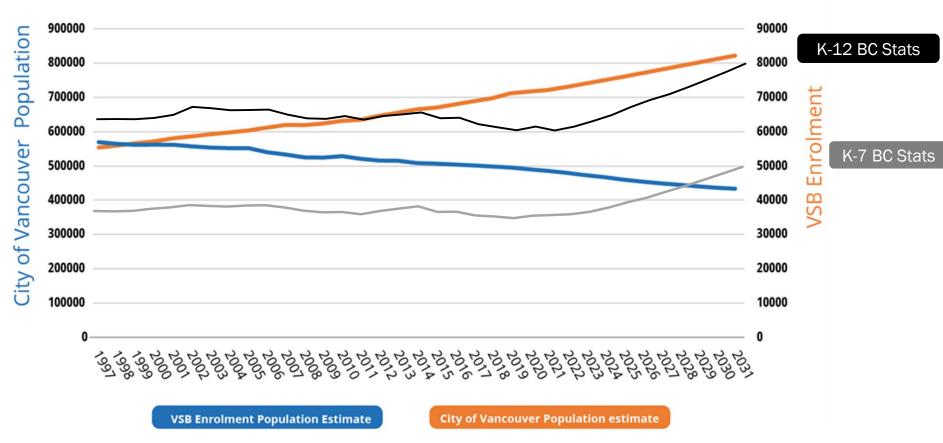
No Trust in VSB Enrolment Forecast!



VSB forecasting algorithms say VSB will lose 3673 elementary kids and 1749 high schoolers in the next 9 years = 5422 less kids than today!

Is the VSB black box excluding City's data and input; No component model?

VSB ENROLMENT AND VANCOUVER POPULATION



Source for BC Stats: Data pulled May 31, 2022 from provincial data on VSB SD39: https://bcstats.shinyapps.io/popApp/

STOP CLOSING SCHOOLS UNTIL YOU KNOW MORE!

	Ca	pture Rate	
	(Children Ages 5-17*	
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VSB	the Vancouver	Vancouver School District	Rate
1770	School District Area	Area and Attending VSB	
		Schools	
2011-12	61510	51635	83.9%
2012-13	60470	50764	83.9%
2013-14	59700	50442	84.5%
2014-15	58965	50089	84.9%
2015-16	58255	49708	85.3%
2016-17	58550	49518	84.6%
2017-18	58360	49352	84.6%
2018-19	57835	49102	84.9%
2019-20	57845	49258	85.2%
2020-21	57940	48257	83.3%
17-Feb-21			
		7 who are included in the enrolme	nt figure, but
not in the po	pulation figure.		

There is no TRUST in the VSB "Capture Rate"



				% Change	% Change
	2011	2016	2021	2011-21	2016-21
Age 5-12	37660	38095	38570	2.4%	1.2%
Age 13-17	27685	26255	26040	-5.9%	-0.8%
Total 5-17	65345	64350	64610	-1.1%	0.4%
Total 0-4	25630	25485	24745	-3.5%	-2.9%

Table 98-10-0022-01 for Vancouver, Metro Vancouver A, Musqueam 2 CSD's

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ALL KIDS	4463	4464	4449	4416	4574	4638	4561	4764	4942	5151	5204	5612	6456
VSB Market Share	78.22%	78.25%	78.04%	77.04%	77.44%	77.38%	76.67%	77.31%	76.85%	76.72%	77.27%	77.03%	77.51%
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We believe all of these arrangements are potentially valuable for the broader community and that may be an adequate assessment from a community service point of view. From an asset management point of view though, it also makes sense for VSB to evaluate these arrangements on their costs vs. their financial benefit to the school district.

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Delegation Presentation – September 18th, 2023

As of September 1st, all school districts in the province were required to establish an accessibility committee to create accessibility plans and accessibility feedback tools in order to meet the standards of the Accessible British Columbia Act. So far there has been minimal information provided by the Vancouver School District on how they are doing with meeting these criteria. As of September 11th, when you search 'accessibility' on the VSB webpage, a page comes up with one hundred words about how to share feedback about accessibility concerns with the Accessibility Advisory Committee. There is nothing else there about where the district is at in the process of creating a plan.

I and the other members of the Inclusive Education Working Group have no knowledge of there being a call out to the VSB community to find members for the Accessibility Advisory Committee, which we have a vested interest in given that all our children experience barriers of some kind in the Vancouver School District because of their disabilities, neurodivergence or immune-compromised status. It will be imperative that students with disabilities and their families, caregivers and supports be invited into the process of planning for improved inclusion and accessibility throughout the district. The Inclusive Education Working Group is asking the board to follow up with the district on what their plans are for meeting the legislative requirements for the Accessible British Columbia Act and for ensuring the process is open, collaborative, and communicated about effectively every step of the way.

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Live-streamed

The meeting is currently being broadcasted live, and both the audio and video recordings will be accessible to the public for viewing even after the meeting ends.

Footage from this meeting may be viewed from Canada or anywhere else in the world.

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Meeting Decorum

The Board has a strong commitment to ethical conduct. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that our meetings are conducted in a safe and respectful manner.

As a Board of Education for a school district, it is important that we model the behavior that we expect of students in their schools.

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Introductions

Trustees and staff: please state your first and last name and position

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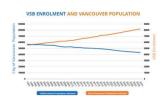
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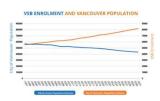
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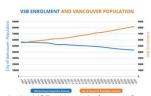
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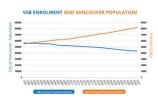
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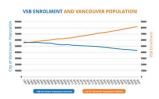
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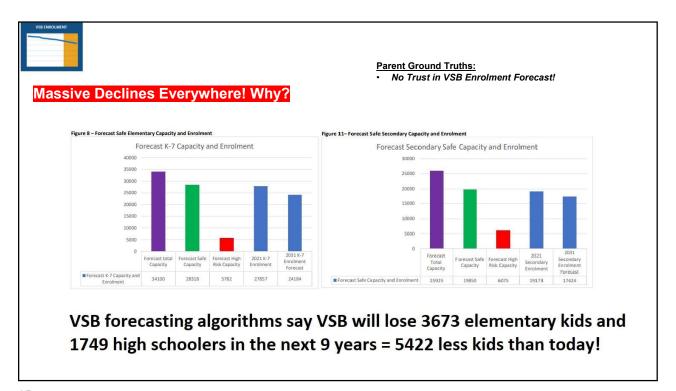


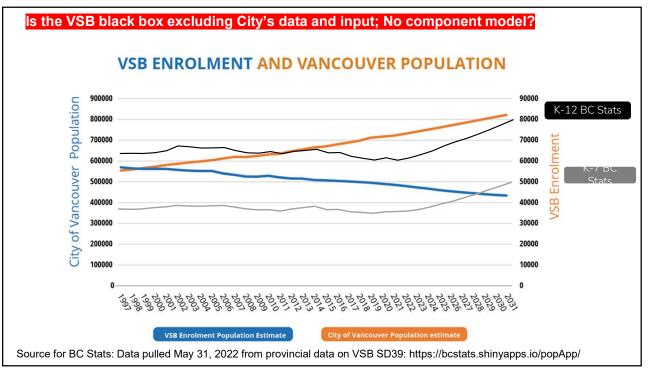
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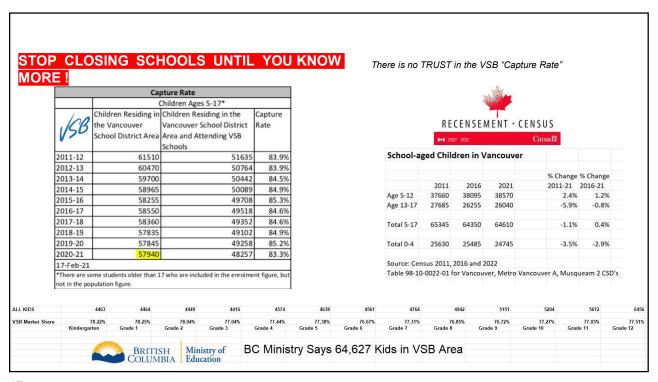
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