



June 4, 2025

Premier David Eby, Premier of British Columbia, premier@gov.bc.ca
Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care, ECC.Minister@gov.bc.ca
Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure, inf.deputyminister@gov.bc.ca
Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance, fin.minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier David Eby, Honourable Lisa Beare, Honourable Bowinn Ma, and Honourable Brenda Bailey:

The Langley Board of Education writes to you regarding a motion that was carried unanimously at the Board's Regular Meeting on May 27, 2025:

"Therefore be it resolved that the Langley School Board write a formal letter to Premier David Eby, the Minister of Education and Child Care, the Minister of Infrastructure, and the Minister of Finance, urging the provincial government to reconsider The Ministry Response to the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for 2025/26 and immediately allocate new Capital Funding for the construction of the schools as outlined in Langley's 2025/26 Capital Plan submission."

The Board of Education works together with the Langley School District to fulfill our collective mission *to inspire all learners to reach their full potential and create a positive legacy for the future*. It is extremely challenging to achieve this without adequate education spaces for students. As you may be aware, our District is one of the fastest-growing school districts in the province. Over the last four years, we welcomed on average one thousand students every September, and every year throughout the year, staff are scrambling to find these learners space where they can thrive in a safe, caring, and positive learning environment. As we continue to increase in enrolment, we will continue to struggle with overcrowding in classrooms and a reliance on portables. We need to create more spaces. We need to build more schools in a timely manner without construction delays. **We urgently need your support, and we need it now.**

The Board of Education is disappointed with the Province's most recent response to the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Funding 2025-2026 submission. The lack of new capital funding for Langley is unsustainable and is exacerbating inequities in the system.

The Board of Education remains hopeful for change. We value our relationship with the Province and are grateful for all the capital projects currently in progress. We are committed to looking for ways to collaborate and get new capital funding released immediately to help support our existing students and future learners. We appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Ashdown".

Candy Ashdown
Chairperson, Langley Board of Education