

Surrey DPAC

(Surrey District Parents Advisory Council)

General Meeting

September 28, 2016

Here We Grow Again

- Student Population: more than 71,000
- Largest school district in BC
- Estimate to grown by 1,000 students but count indicate grown by 1,500 students
- 275 portables, 7,000 students (New Westminster's whole enrollment), 24th largest school district
- Spend about \$4M out of operating budget

Funding Formula

- Current:
 - Seismic upgrades (Van, Richmond): 100% funding
 - Expansions – District must match a percentage to expand or add to school
 - New schools – takes about 2-3 years from announcement
- Need new one for districts with high growth

High Growth Areas

- Extended 5th Block – 2 bell schedules at:
 - Sullivan Heights Sec (capped, no in-catchment)
 - Lord Tweedsmuir Sec (capped, no in-catchment)
 - Earl Mariott Sec
 - Semiahmoo Sec (voted down by parents, next yr?)
- Which secondary school will your child go to?
- 30 of Surrey's elementary schools are closed to out-of-catchment enrolment.

Next Steps

- Fill out online survey or written/ video submission on Ministry of Finance 2017 Budget Consultation – **Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services**
<https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/committees/40thparliament-5thsession-fgs>
Online Survey: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/Pages/BCLASS-Legacy.aspx#https%3A%2F%2Fwww2.leg.bc.ca%2Fcmf%2Ffinance%2Fsurvey.asp>
- Make appointment to talk to your MLAs, Surrey councillors, Board of Education Trustees
- Write to Premier, Minister of Finance, Minister of Education, MLAs.
- Tell us your stories on Surrey DPAC (coming soon!)

Resources:

- Surrey District's Long Range Facilities Plan

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/Publications/SD36%20Long%20Range%20Facilities%20and%20Education%20Plan%20June%202015.pdf>

- Surrey's 5-Year Capital Plan

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/Publications/Surrey%20Schools%20Capital%20Plan.pdf>

- MLA List and offices <https://www.leg.bc.ca/learn-about-us/members>
- MLA ridings <http://www.elections.bc.ca/index.php/maps/>
- For templates, contact Surrey DPAC
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