



SURREY DISTRICT (36) PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

President's Report
25 January 2017

Advocacy for capital funding continues.

- **Immediate Ask: \$175M, Long term ask: funding formula change**
- Jan 19 – As member of Surrey Schools Coalition (SSC), presentation to the Board of Education. Board of is very supportive.
- Jan 24 – SSC met with Mike Bernier, Minister of Education
- Feb 6 - I will be meeting with Dave Bing, Deputy Minister of Education, on operating and capital funding, parent concerns and resources.

BCCPAC

- President John Bird resigned due to health issues
- **2017 BCCPAC AGM/ Conference** will be held in Surrey from May 4 to 7 at Guildford Sheraton Hotel. If your PAC is not yet registered, may register as member and speak on resolutions at AGM (no voting). More info: <http://bccpac.bc.ca/event/2017-spring-conference-and-agm/>

Recent announcements:

- \$50M from the Supreme Court of Canada decision to hire more teachers;
- Surrey gets \$6.2M to end of June
- Surrey will hire approx 100 teachers

Forums/ Parent Feedback:

- **Capital Plan – Placespeak;** Jan 25/26 – Grandview Heights and Katzie
 - Have you ever wondered how long it takes to build a school? What processes are involved? If you want to learn more about the District's capital plan, please go to <https://www.placespeak.com/en/topic/1484-capital-plan/#/overview>
- **Feb 7 & 20 – Surrey District Hosted Forums:** capital funding, budgets, assessment, reporting, social emotional learning, above and beyond the classroom
- **Feb 28 Deadline – Ministry Progress Reporting Consultation**
 - DPAC attended the Ministry of Education forum/ consultation held on Jan 18, 2017. If you missed the forum, it is not too late to have your say on progress reporting: what you want to see on report cards, how you want to see it, what resources, etc. For more information on the provincial reporting consultation, please visit: <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/en/home/>.

Scholarships: Deadlines are fast approaching.

- Scholarships Canada, 85.5K Awards, \$193.5M available: <http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>
- Surrey district website link to District and external: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/StudentServices/Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx>
- Provincial Scholarships Program: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincial-scholarships>
- USA based site, 26.K Awards, \$90M available: <http://www.smartscholar.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/surreydpac/>

“Every parent is welcome. Please bring a friend.”