



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)

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via email: educ.minister@gov.bc.ca

Honourable Minister of Education and Child Care, Jennifer Whiteside
Room 306 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Honourable Minister Jennifer Whiteside:

***Re: Inquiry about the provincial government's process for funding
announcements and specially with respect to Pineview Elementary School***

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Education of School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) to ask for clarification regarding funding for our Pineview Valley Elementary School capital project.

At our June 21, 2022, with our local MLAs, MLA Peter Milobar explained that Pineview Valley Elementary does not appear on the published list of projects over \$50 million, and that since Pineview Valley Elementary School is not on this list, he didn't believe that the project would be funded within this fiscal year. These comments conflict with what our staff are being told by Ministry Capital Branch staff.

Our understanding is that once the School District has received the Crown Grant approval for the school site, the Ministry will be seeking Treasury Board approval for Pineview Valley Elementary, and that a Capital Project Funding Agreement would follow soon after Treasury Board approval. Upon receipt of Treasury Board approval, our understanding is that it would be at that point that there would be a published provincial funding document that would show our project funding approval.

Our purpose for clarification for the funding is that we are hearing from constituents who are concerned about the prospect of catchment changes and who are therefore concerned about the timeline for Pineview Elementary School, which would alleviate enrolment pressure of 165% (projected to be over 190% in the next three years) at McGowan Park Elementary.

We understand that there are no certainties, but a clearer understanding of how the funding process works and when and how it is made public would support our board to work well with the Ministry and communicate transparently with our community.

I would greatly appreciate any time that you invest in this matter and appreciate information that you are able to provide.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Grieve". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "H" and a long, sweeping tail.

Heather Grieve
Board Chair, School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)

cc: SD73 Board of Education
Superintendent
Secretary-Treasurer