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Good morning Liam, attached are some Key Messages on a range of education-related issues for MRF's interview with Richmond News reporter Graeme Wood at 10am today. Graeme's phone number is in the attached doc.  
Hope this helps-cheers!

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## **Richmond News KMs**

Reporter: Graeme Wood

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- The Richmond school district submitted a balanced budget to the Ministry in June, and its budget includes a number of reductions aimed at addressing the district's structural deficit.
- Our Government has committed to reviewing the funding model for public schools, and we will also determine if the classroom enhancement fund is adequate.
- We want to ensure equitable access to educational programs and services for all students in British Columbia, regardless of which school district they are in.
- As part of this review process, we will be looking at district budget pressures in depth, and identifying some recommendations for the future, at a provincial level.

## ***Seismic KMs***

- I am committed to expediting the seismic upgrade program, and will work with the Richmond board to move seismic projects forward as quickly as possible.
- With 25 schools remaining that require seismic upgrading in Richmond there is a lot of work to be done and we hope to move as quickly as possible.
- I am aware that the pace of seismic projects is an issue in Richmond that we want to address and we are looking at ways to change this and provide more support to the district.

## ***Classroom Enhancement Fund KMs***

- The Ministry will work with SD38 staff to ensure that sufficient funding is allocated to implement the MoA with the BCTF in that district.
- At this time, the Classroom Enhancement Fund amount that has been allocated to SD38 is still preliminary – final funding for the district (and all other school districts in the province) will not be known until the fall of 2017, once final student enrolment and classroom organization is known.
- Classroom Enhancement Fund allocations vary by district according to their restored language, and the Ministry will continue working closely with districts over the next several months to

ensure that all school districts, including Richmond, have the funding required to implement the MoA locally.

- The Ministry provided school districts \$50.2m to create over 500 additional classroom spaces. However, Richmond School District was able to restore the collective agreement language without requiring construction of new space.

#### ***Daycare Space Pressures KMs***

- At the moment there are no daycares closing in the Richmond School District as a result of the agreement with the BCTF.
- Government is aware that some child-care facilities currently operating on school grounds may be relocated in order to make room for more classrooms in September.
- The Ministry of Education and Children and Family Development staff are working together to address concerns.
- For example, the Ministry of Education is currently assessing requests for capital funding of tenant improvements or portable installations to create additional instructional space for September.
- Districts are not serving notice to Strong Starts or Early Years programs as these are viewed as an extension of the K-12 education system.

#### ***SD 38 BACKGROUND:***

The Richmond School District has surplus seats in many of their schools.

Currently, SD 38's facility capacity is around 81% with approximately 4,500 surplus spaces for students among Richmond public schools.

Enrolment in the district decreased by 473 students from 2015 to 2016.

School-Age Enrolment Change Sept 2015 to Sept 2016			
School District	Sept Enrolment		Change Sept 2015 to Sept 2016
	2015	2016	
Richmond	19,876	19,403	-473

**Projects currently underway:**

Construction is expected to begin on William Cook Elementary School in 2018.

**Completed seismic projects in SD 83**

*2009: Garden City Elementary*

*2011: Samuel Brighthouse Elementary*

*2007: Lord Byng Elementary*