

From: [Malczewska, Sophia EDUC:EX](#)
To: s.22
Subject: Concerns about Queen of All Saints, Coquitlam
Date: July 19, 2018 9:17:48 AM

July 19th, 2018

Ref: 204349

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Thank you again for bringing your concerns to our attention. If you have any further questions, please email Terry Stewart at Terry.J.Stewart@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Tel: 250 812 6252

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To: Stewart, Terry J EDUC:EX
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March 27, 2017

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Queen of All Saints Elementary School.s.22

s.22 **Maintenance**

There is great concern about health and safety-related issues in the school. The school building^{s.22}
s.22 is in dire need of repairs and maintenance.
Specifically, we would like the school leadership to address the following:

- There are several areas of the school that are known to have mold. There is mold in the walls behind the bathrooms by the gym that was simply covered with new drywall and visible mold on the ceiling and wall by the west stairs on the second floor that was painted over. With all of the leaks in the school it is highly probable that there is significantly more mold in the school. An assessment of the

entire school for mold should be undertaken and a plan for remediation of the mold and leaks developed and implemented immediately;

- Water from some of the drinking fountains tastes "off", especially by the gym. Testing of the drinking water should be undertaken with results made available ^{s.22} If required, immediate action should be undertaken based on the results;
- The bathrooms are old, in extremely poor condition, and in some cases not operational. A plan should be developed to improve these facilities for our students; and
- This winter the snow and ice removal was extremely poor, leading to several individuals slipping and falling. We were very fortunate that no serious injuries occurred. Protocols need to be established for snow removal to ensure the safety of students, teachers, and parents.

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s.22 we thank you for taking the time to read this letter which expresses some of the more serious concerns related to our school. We would not have expressed them to you if we were not devoted to our parish and school community, and believed that the situation could be improved. It is important to stress that these concerns have been on-going during the past few years and have been raised individually on numerous occasions, but to no avail. The issues identified in this letter are not problems that arose all of a sudden unexpectedly nor are they problems that resulted from circumstances beyond the school's control.

We would recommend that the PEC develop a detailed action plan ^{s.22}

s.22 and that this action plan be implemented immediately in September 2017. We trust that you will take our concerns seriously, and we sincerely hope that you will support these recommendations. In the meantime, we would be very happy to meet with you to discuss any of these issues, and work with you and the PEC on the necessary next steps going forward to rebuild our community for the benefit of our children and their Catholic and high quality education.

Sincerely,

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cc: all members of the Parish Education Committee

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From: [Stewart, Terry J EDUC:EX](#)
To: [Vandeweg, Theo EDUC:EX](#)
Cc: [Malczewska, Sophia EDUC:EX](#)
Subject: FW: concerns about Queen of All Saints, Coquitlam
Date: July 18, 2018 9:39:50 AM

Hi Theo.

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Did this come your way in my absence.

It looks like there is an EEC scheduled for October for this school.

Terry

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I moved a comma, but other than that, it looks good to go.

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