

## FW: FYI - MSS

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**Subject:** FYI - MSS

Hello Christina,

Flagging this as it may come up in PJH estimates.

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Minister of Education | Honourable Jennifer Whiteside  
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June 1, 2022

The Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia  
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Dear Premier Horgan,

On behalf of the Board of Education, I am writing to express our frustration that Project #127813 Ecole Mission Senior Secondary seismic replacement has been deferred indefinitely, and that we must resubmit this project alongside our other 5-year capital priorities. ([page2 Capital Plan Bylaw](#))

On October 13, 2020, the NDP government made an election promise to replace Mission Senior Secondary School, which was built in the early 1950s. There was no mention of a seismic upgrade or retrofit, but a promise for a full replacement. NDP MLA Candidate Pam Alexis said at the time, "A John Horgan government will put the needs of Mission students, their families, and our community first. We need a new school that provides quality learning environment and helps deliver the best education possible for our students."

After the NDP were elected, we were advised that we had to submit the business case for a seismic upgrade, retrofit or full replacement. The cost of creating this business plan to date is \$193,789.57 and is to be reimbursed by the province once the project has been approved. We received notification that the project has been dropped from our capital plan with a note that it is now delayed. The board is now burdened with carrying the cost of the business plan for an undetermined number of years. This is money that will not be available for other local capital projects and maintenance.

Our district is experiencing extremely rapid growth and anticipate the need for 4 new elementary schools within the next ten to twenty years. We estimate the cost of creating 4 new business plans for these schools to be in the range of one million dollars. We do not have the local capital funds to proceed with creating the business plans, and then carrying these costs potentially for years.

While we understand that there are significant capital cost pressures for the province, our community was promised a replacement school during the 2020 Provincial election by the NDP party. It is now 2022 and we are further behind on this project than we were two years ago. Your government made a promise to the community of Mission, and we are asking you to keep that promise and move the Ecole Mission Senior Secondary School replacement to the top of the list for Major Capital projects.

Sincerely,



Tracy Loffler

On behalf of the Board of Education

CC:

Minister Jennifer Whiteside  
MLA Pam Alexis  
MLA Bob D'eith  
Treasury Board  
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## Media request: two year school freeze

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Sent: June 6, 2022 6:52:19 AM PDT

Hi all, please see the below media request that just came in. I will work on a response but if you have any suggestions to respond to his specific questions please let me know.

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Thanks,

Scott

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**From:** Rob Shaw <rshaw@cheknews.ca>  
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Hi there,

Could the ministry confirm what's reported in this story from the Mission School District -- that BC has put a two-year freeze on new schools due to the capital costs of fires and floods?

<https://www.missioncityrecord.com/news/year-of-fires-and-floods-puts-missions-new-high-school-on-ice/>

If so, when did this happen? How many potential new school builds are affected? Where?

Also is the minister available to speak to this via Zoom?

Deadline 3pm

Thanks,

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Scott:

Your assumption is correct, there is no capital freeze in place s.13

Thanks.

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Same deadline as the Mission request.

Thanks and talk soon,

Katie

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May 27, 2022

**Honourable Jennifer Whiteside**  
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Dear Minister Whiteside,

At the April 25, 2022 public Board meeting the Vancouver Board of Education passed the following motion:

*That the Board of Education write to the Minister of Education and Child Care in reply to the March 15, 2022 Ministry Response to the 2022/23 VSB Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission to express (1) our concern that no new major capital projects have been approved, and (2) our dismay that three Seismic projects in development from previous years, David Thompson Secondary, False Creek Elementary, and Killarney Secondary, have been deferred.*

*Moreover, the Vancouver Board of Education host a meeting for all Vancouver MLA's to share the business case for capital funding and seismic safety concerns of Vancouver H1 rated schools, and that this issue be forwarded to the Advocacy Committee for discussion.*

Our Board values the ongoing support the Ministry has provided to our Seismic Mitigation Program and is appreciative of past major capital project approvals. We are however, concerned that for three consecutive years no major capital projects have been approved and that three projects previously supported by the Ministry have now been 'deferred.'

As you are aware, the Board approved the District's [Long-Range Facilities Plan](#) (LRFP) in January 2021, which was developed in alignment with updated LRFP guidelines released in April 2019. In May 2021 the Amended Capital Plan Response Letter introduced the request for a Long-Term Investment Plan (LTIP) - a new planning process unique to the VSB:

*Additionally, Ministry staff requested to work alongside the District to develop a LTIP that 'incorporates information from the recently approved Long Range Facilities Plan information, seismic priorities, partnerships, public use of facilities and enrolment changes in communities, including Olympic Village'.*

In response, the District provided the [Long-Term Investment Plan](#) to the Ministry in early October 2021. At that time, the Board felt assured that the LTIP had provided sound business cases and so the decision of the Ministry to 'defer' three previously supported capital projects – David Thompson Secondary, Killarney Secondary, and False Creek Elementary - is particularly disappointing and confusing to the Board and these school communities. The David Thompson community, in particular, was expectant of advancing its seismic project rather than being sent back to the starting gate to 'try again'.

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The Board is aware that in the Southeast region of the District there are over 4,000 secondary students attending seismically unsafe secondary schools, including David Thompson and Killarney. The District has worked for many years on the David Thompson project – the existing school is over 60 years old – including collaborating with the Vancouver Park Board over four years to provide for a land exchange with Gordon Park to allow the construction of a new school without disrupting the school community. Given the already long timeline for this project there is now also the option of temporarily relocating the entire school community to the existing building on the Hamber site, which will be available in 2024, giving another pathway for this project.

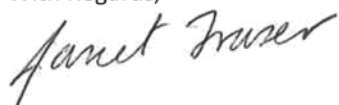
The Board understands the potential relationship between the requested new elementary school at Olympic Village and the False Creek Elementary seismic project; yet is very disappointed that the False Creek project has been deferred and there is still no support for Olympic Village despite the promise made during the 2020 election campaign.

For these three deferred projects the District has followed Ministry requirements and resourced more than \$1.4M to advance to the third and final stage of the funding approval process. The Board remains hopeful that the deferrals will be reversed, and, in the event this does not occur, that Ministry re-imburse the VSB for the (sunk) cost of this work already undertaken. The Board and VSB school communities are aware that there was a 2030 timeline for completing seismic projects, and so we are also concerned that the deferred projects and other projects prioritized in the LTIP and Capital Plan are not being advanced in a timeframe that aligns with the Ministry's commitment to providing safe schools for students.

The Board values its working relationship with you and the Ministry of Education and Child Care and is requesting a response to the concerns raised in this letter and in particular:

- Predictable funding to advance the VSB capital program in keeping with the Ministry's SMP commitments and capital funding responsibilities – our year one priority requests were:
  - Churchill Secondary, Mackenzie Elementary, Renfrew Elementary (seismic)
  - New elementary school at Olympic Village
  - Hudson Elementary, False Creek Elementary, Cavell Elementary (expansions)
- The reconsideration of the decision to defer the David Thompson Secondary, Killarney Secondary and False Creek Elementary seismic projects

With Regards,



Janet Fraser  
Board Chair

cc: Vancouver MLAs  
Vancouver MPs  
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Thanks! Chris?

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Looks good to me.

**Francois Bertrand**  
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**RE: URGENT - Media Inquiry Response deadline - Wednesday June 2nd MSS  
funding delay - Mission Record**

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Sent: June 6, 2022 5:08:48 PM PDT  
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Thanks folks – I'm sending them the main response, but as Meghan points out, not much of it is useful for them specifically.

Krystal – I'd like to give them something updated that responds to the current situation. I'll send over a draft for your review asap!

Lia

**Lia Brewer**

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Can I suggest sharing with them the main response we sent? I think only the highlighted lines would be useful for them.

Have added Francois and Chris for their thoughts.

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Hello Folks,

We need to update for MLA's given all the activity on this- if there is no update since May 5 that is fine. I just don't want to share dated info with the MLA's who are now getting a lot of questions from community and reporters.

Thanks,  
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Hello Keefer, Melanie, Krystal

I am forwarding over this request from MLA Alexis' office. Hoping to get some confirmation on things and some advice on crafting responses from both Pam and Bob.

I am attaching the briefing notes from Pam from the recent meeting, she also had this to say:

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I am free to chat this afternoon or tomorrow morning after 930! Deadline for a response is Wednesday a.m.- any help you can provide is appreciated!

Thanks very much,

Devon



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Hello all,

Please see below the media inquiry directed to MLA Alexis from Black Press/Mission Record. “Deadline is Wednesday, 10 a.m.”

Kind regards,

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Hey Pam,

I'm looking over the latest SD75 school board meeting and seeing that the MOE funding to replace Mission Secondary School has been delayed due to costs of recent natural disasters around the province.

Apparently a two-year delay will likely push back a replacement school at least six years. I know the new school was one of your election promises, so I was hoping you could provide some comment.

Deadline is Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Best,

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## Re: MEDIA REQUEST FOLLOW-UP: On background from Ministry

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From: Bertrand, Francois EDUC:EX  
To: Brown, Chris EDUC:EX <Chris.Brown@gov.bc.ca>, McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX <Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca>, McKenzie, Scott GCPE:EX <Scott.1.McKenzie@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Casselman, Laura GCPE:EX <Laura.Casselman@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: June 6, 2022 5:34:13 PM PDT  
Hi all:

I agree with Chris that these key messages look fine.

Francois

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**From:** Brown, Chris EDUC:EX <Chris.Brown@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 6, 2022 4:48:31 PM  
**To:** McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX <Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca>; McKenzie, Scott GCPE:EX <Scott.1.McKenzie@gov.bc.ca>; Bertrand, Francois EDUC:EX <Francois.Bertrand@gov.bc.ca>  
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Seems okay to me. Will defer to Francois on some of the particulars, he had to step out to pick up his kids but will be back.

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**From:** McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX <Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** June 6, 2022 4:45 PM  
**To:** McKenzie, Scott GCPE:EX <Scott.1.McKenzie@gov.bc.ca>; Bertrand, Francois EDUC:EX <Francois.Bertrand@gov.bc.ca>; Brown, Chris EDUC:EX <Chris.Brown@gov.bc.ca>  
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Suggest the following for the list of deferred, thoughts?

On background from Ministry of Education and Child Care:

- It's important to note that while there are some deferrals those same districts have new school projects underway

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