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**Subject:** Letter from Laurie Larsen, Chairperson Board of Education School District No. 36 (Surrey)  
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Dear Honourable Minister,  
Please see the attached letter from Laurie Larsen, Chairperson Board of Education School District No. 36 (Surrey).

Best regards,

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December 14, 2017

Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education  
PO Box 9045, Stn. Prov. Govt.,  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2  
Via Email

Dear Honourable Minister:

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During the election campaign and subsequently, we repeatedly heard the new Premier speak of the plans to eliminate portables in Surrey and we were optimistic about the plan for our District. We were very pleased to have an early visit from you where we felt our needs were heard, and there was a genuine commitment to make a difference and to address our longstanding issues. We also felt this same goodwill at a joint meeting held between the Minister, his senior staff, and the City of Surrey in Vancouver.

We also had an opportunity to meet with MLAs from Surrey. In a frank and open conversation about our needs, they were open, inquisitive and supportive. Overall, we were very encouraged that plans would move forward quickly and a new era of collaboration would begin so that our community can get the schools they need and deserve.

Our first opportunity to hear about the new government's response to our concerns was in the November 15<sup>th</sup> letter, where it stated that:

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November 15, 2017

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Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer  
Board of Education  
School District No. 36 (Surrey)  
Email: [frank\\_g@surreyschools.ca](mailto:frank_g@surreyschools.ca)

Dear Mr. Frank:

**Re: Investing in priority projects in Surrey School District**

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Further to the recent approval of the up to \$33 million investment in the new Grandview Heights South Area Elementary and the Pacific Heights Elementary Addition projects, the Ministry of Education (Ministry) is now looking to bring forward for approval the next group of capital projects to create additional priority school spaces for the Surrey School District (District).

The Ministry recognizes the District has received just over \$207 million of approved new school space projects since 2014, sharing \$52.5 million or 25% of the project investment from District surplus fund balances.

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The following table has been created to identify the next investments in priority school spaces for the District. As noted above, the shared investment agreement will need to be approved by Treasury Board prior to the Ministry receiving final funding approval for any of these projects:

Facility	Estimated Project Budget	Description
Fleetwood Area Elementary Schools	s.13,s.17	Classroom additions at Frost Road, Coyote Creek and William Watson Elementary Schools
New Douglas Area Elementary (Site 180)		New 80K/525 Elementary (K-7) + NLC

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Sullivan Heights Secondary (Site 164)	s.13,s.17	Two story 700 capacity addition
New South Newton Elementary (Site 115)		Site acquisition (3.3 Ha.) & New 80K/575 Elementary School (K-7)
New Southwest Grandview Area Elementary (Site 207)		Site acquisition (3.3 Ha.) & New 80K/575 Elementary School (K-7)
Clayton Elementary		Site expansion and addition
Grandview Centre (Site 208)		Site acquisition (3.3 Ha.)
North Surrey Secondary		325 capacity addition
<b>ACCELERATED PROJECT TOTAL</b>		
Grandview Heights and Pacific Heights projects		Approved Maximum Project Budget
<b>TOTAL DISTRICT PRIORITY SPACE INVESTMENT</b>		
<b>Minimum Long Term District Investment to accelerate above projects</b>		20% of Accelerated Project Total

Once the Ministry and Board have established a long-term shared investment agreement, meeting the minimum requirements stated above, the Ministry will bring forward the agreement to Treasury Board for approval. I expect project funding approvals will move rapidly through the Ministry of Finance approval processes once this agreement is approved by Treasury Board.

Please provide written approval from the Board of at least the amount identified as the "Minimum Long-Term District Investment to accelerate the listed projects" by December 31, 2017.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me directly by email at [Reg.Bawa@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Reg.Bawa@gov.bc.ca) or by phone at (778) 698-3788.

Thank you for your dedication to the students of the Surrey School District

Sincerely,



Reg Bawa  
Assistant Deputy Minister

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