
NEWS RELEASE

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Office of the Premier
Ministry of Education

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- I would like to start by acknowledging we are on unceded Coast Salish territory.
- Thank you all for being here today.
- Public education changes lives and unlocks prosperity.
- It is the foundation of a fair society, where every kid can reach their full potential.
- It is our job to empower the next generation.

- To give them the tools they need to make our province a better place.
- That starts in our classrooms.
- For years investments in Surrey schools have not kept up with growing enrollment.
- Too many students in Surrey have spent too many years in overcrowded schools.
- Kids have been waiting too long for the schools they deserve.

- We have moved quickly to build new classrooms in Surrey.
- Since August we have invested \$33 million in new classrooms for this growing community.
- Today we are announcing another \$64 million in new investments in Surrey.
- They include a brand new school for the Douglas neighbourhood
- As well as expansions at Frost Road Elementary and Coyote Creek Elementary

- And the purchase of land in Grandview Heights for another school.
- These investments will provide another 850 Surrey students with new classrooms.
- And this is just the beginning.
- We are very pleased to be working in partnership with the Surrey School District and the city to get schools built as quickly as possible.

- We will continue to work together through the Surrey Project Office to find solutions and accelerate projects.
- Together, we're investing in schools, in classrooms, and in a better future for our children.
- We will make sure all kids in B.C. get the quality education and opportunities they deserve.
- Thank you.

Questions & Answers Surrey Schools

Q: What are you doing to reduce the number of portables in Surrey?

- We agree that there are far too many students going to school in portables in Surrey.
- The number of portables in this district increased significantly under the previous government's watch, and we are working hard to address the backlog of badly needed capital projects here in Surrey.
- We are working with the Surrey School District and the City of Surrey to accelerate capital investment in the district and fix this problem that was ignored for too long.
- In the past five months, this government has already invested over \$107 million for two new elementary schools, three additions, two seismic upgrades and a site acquisition.

Q: Why aren't you funding an addition at Sunnyside?

- We are working closely with the Surrey School District to address their capital needs as quickly as possible.
- The future elementary school to be built on the land purchased, along with the new Edgewood Elementary School (formerly called Grandview) and addition at Pacific Heights Elementary that were announced in December will help relieve enrolment pressures at this school.
- The ministry funds capital projects in the order they are prioritized by the school district. The Surrey School District prioritized the projects being announced today before the addition at Sunnyside.

Q: The additions at Frost Road and Coyote Creek are removing six portables – four at Frost Road and two at Coyote Creek. Will there still be portables in use at the schools once the additions are complete?

- These expansions will remove all the portables currently in use at the schools.

Q: Has the Ministry reached an agreement with the Surrey School District on cost-sharing?

- We are continuing to work toward reaching a cost-sharing agreement with Surrey that works for everybody – more details to come shortly.
- We are looking forward to moving forward on projects under a new agreement.
- I'm proud of the relationship we've built with the Surrey School District.

Q: Does the Surrey School District have to contribute to these projects?

- The district is contributing \$1.4 million in land capital toward the site purchase.
- Cost sharing requirements are determined on a case by case basis and the district was not required to contribute to the other three projects we announced today.
- We are continuing to work with the district on reaching a cost-sharing agreement that benefits everybody and look forward to sharing more details on that soon.

Q: Are these projects included in the previous government's announcement of \$217 million?

- That announcement was a promise made by the previous government as part of Budget 2017 – to approve \$217 million worth of projects over three years. There were no projects actually approved as part of that announcement.
- In fact, the only project that was actually approved and funded by the previous government as part of that \$217 million was a \$26-million elementary school in Clayton Village.
- In the past five months, this government has already worked together with the Surrey School District and the City of Surrey to actually approve \$107 million in funding for two new elementary schools, three additions, two seismic upgrades and a site acquisition.

Q: Why can't you fund all of the capital projects needed in Surrey right now?

- We want to see the number of portables reduced as quickly as possible across the province and especially in Surrey, and this is a great step toward that goal.

- We have established a Project Office to manage the large volume of capital projects in Surrey.
- We will work collaboratively with the City of Surrey and the school district to find solutions to speed up new school construction.

Q: Will the ministry fund the district's capital plan of 22 projects?

- We have reviewed the Surrey School District's capital plan, and are supporting them to move forward on their highest priority projects.
- We're open to changing policies that will allow us to spend and invest more quickly in getting new schools built, while at the same time ensuring that taxpayers are getting value for their investments.
- Right now, our focus is to get a lot more schools built more quickly.
- We're looking at how to do things differently than what has been done in the past with reasonable policies that make sense not just for Surrey, but for all of the growing school districts in the province.

Q: When will you fund the rest of the seismic upgrades that are needed in Surrey?

- The safety of students, teachers and support staff is our top priority.
- We have a goal to ensure every family in B.C. can send their children to seismically safe schools.
- We inherited a backlog of seismic projects that need to be expedited, and we are getting to work on that in Surrey and across the province.
- In Surrey, 75% of high-risk schools have had their upgrades completed.
- We have supported the Surrey School District to move forward on planning for four out of the five remaining seismic projects in the district.
- We are working with the Surrey School District to find ways to accelerate funding approvals and get to work on seismic upgrades.

Q: The Surrey School District has said they are not receiving enough funding to cover increasing portable costs, and other increasing operational costs in the upcoming year. What is your response to that?

- Education is a top priority for our government and we are moving forward on improving funding for B.C.'s education system.
- We have tabled a budget that is the largest single investment in K-to-12 education in the province's history, and that has the largest capital budget in B.C. to date.
- Operating grants for school districts in 2018/2019 are set to increase to almost \$5.2 billion – up over \$130 million from 2017/2018
- Surrey is expected to receive an estimated increase of \$22.4 million in operating funding next school year, bringing the total to \$650 million for 2018/19. This is in addition to \$37 million provided to the district through the classroom enhancement fund.
- Surrey school district will also see additional savings of \$2.7 million in 2018/2019 through MSP reductions, network savings and reduced pension contributions.
- The immediate 50% cut to MSP premiums, as well as pension plan changes, and NGN savings helped Surrey school district realize \$7.2 million in savings for this school year.
- We are making investments, like today's, to create more classroom spaces to support students in Surrey.
- We are reviewing the district's five-year capital plan and working closely with the Capital Project Office in Surrey to accelerate the pace of school construction from green light to ground breaking.
- This is a transitional year as districts work to implement the Memorandum of Agreement with the BCTF and there are some unique situations and challenges.
- One of those challenges has been an increase in the number of portables in the fall as districts create smaller classes to comply with the MOA.
- We are committed to making sure the use of portables to address growth pressures is not a long-term solution.

Q: Will Government create a policy that states non-temporary portables will be funded through means other than the operating budget?

- We are looking at all of our options and working with the District to find ways to eliminate the use of portables in a way that best benefits students.

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Hello **s.15**

Here is the schedule for Monday. A couple of location details to be identified and we will advise by Monday latest.

Monday, April 30

8:10 AM PICK UP FROM RESIDENCE TRAVEL TO VICTORIA HELIJET

9:30 AM WHEELS UP – HELIJET FLT #710

10:10 AM WHEELS DOWN VANCOUVER

10:15 AM TRAVEL TO SURREY, Tamanawis Secondary School, 12600 – 66th Avenue

11:00 AM ARRIVE TAMANAWIS FOR TOUR AND TALK TO STUDENTS

12:00 PM TRAVEL TO SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY, 2828 – 159th Street, Surrey

12:30 PM ANNOUNCEMENT AT SCHOOL

1:00 PM TRAVEL TO LUNCH (location to be identified)

2:00 PM TRAVEL TO SOUTH VANCOUVER HOUSE, 6470 Victoria Dr

3:00 PM ARRIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

4:30 PM TRAVEL TO DINNER (location to be determined)

OVERNIGHT AT **s.15**

Let me know if you require any further information.

Cheers,

Chris



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This tour package is incomplete.

- We are waiting for a Community & Issues Scan.
- We need PO signoff on Surrey Schools materials.

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Community Scan (Surrey)
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Community Overview

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- Population 500,000; one-third are under 19 years
- City with one of the fastest-growing student populations in the province
- Surrey's population is projected to increase by over 300,000 people in the next three decades
- Newton area accounts for over one-quarter of Surrey's total population

Mayor

- Linda Hepner

MLAs

- **Surrey-South:** Stephanie Cadieux
- **Surrey-Cloverdale:** Marvin Hunt
- **Surrey-Fleetwood:** Jagrup Brar
- **Surrey-Guildford:** Gary Begg
- **Surrey-Green Timbers:** Rachna Singh
- **Surrey Newton:** Harry Bains
- **Surrey-Panorama:** Jinny Sims
- **Surrey-Whalley:** Bruce Ralston
- **Surrey-White Rock:** Tracy Redies

Recent Announcements

- February 23 – Minister James addresses the Surrey Board of Trade
- March 15 – The Province announced \$175,000 in funding for a pilot project to enhance community response to the overdose crisis in Surrey.
- April 20 – Minister Mike Farnworth announced nearly \$6.5 million in grants to prevent youth gang involvement, help women escaping violence, and other crime prevention initiatives. Announcement made at DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society.

In the News

Surrey school district looking at \$8.5M bill for portables this year

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Three Surrey Students NOW activists running for school trustee

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500,000 celebrate Vaisakhi in Surrey

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Surrey-focused child care report calls for 'immediate' action from province

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Construction underway for Surrey modular housing for homeless

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 - Materials: Speaking Notes, Background Note

Community & Issues Scan

Vancouver and Surrey

April 27, 2018

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Community Scan (Surrey)

April 27, 2018

Community Overview

- 2nd largest city in B.C.
- Population 500,000; one-third are under 19 years
- City with one of the fastest-growing student populations in the province
- Surrey's population is projected to increase by over 300,000 people in the next three decades
- Newton area accounts for over one-quarter of Surrey's total population

Mayor

- Linda Hepner

MLAs

- **Surrey-South:** Stephanie Cadieux
- **Surrey-Cloverdale:** Marvin Hunt
- **Surrey-Fleetwood:** Jagrup Brar
- **Surrey-Guildford:** Gary Begg
- **Surrey-Green Timbers:** Rachna Singh
- **Surrey Newton:** Harry Bains
- **Surrey-Panorama:** Jinny Sims
- **Surrey-Whalley:** Bruce Ralston
- **Surrey-White Rock:** Tracy Redies

Recent Announcements

- February 23 – Minister James addresses the Surrey Board of Trade
- March 15 – The Province announced \$175,000 in funding for a pilot project to enhance community response to the overdose crisis in Surrey.
- April 20 – Minister Mike Farnworth announced nearly \$6.5 million in grants to prevent youth gang involvement, help women escaping violence, and other crime prevention initiatives. Announcement made at DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society.

In the News (Surrey)

Surrey school district looking at \$8.5M bill for portables this year

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Three Surrey Students NOW activists running for school trustee

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500,000 celebrate Vaisakhi in Surrey

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Surrey-focused child care report calls for 'immediate' action from province

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Construction underway for Surrey modular housing for homeless

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Data solutions present 'smart' way for cities to grow, says Surrey

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Surrey Youth Showcase: Basketball Tournament

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Community Scan (Vancouver)

April 27, 2018

Association of Neighbourhood Houses BC (ANHBC)

- The Association of Neighbourhood Houses operates in 50 sites in Metro Vancouver
- In 2016-17, the organization offered 1,000 licensed childcare spaces
- Through seven neighbourhood houses and an outdoor camp, more than 100,000 people are assisted throughout Metro Vancouver each year by 300-plus programs and services offered by the ANHBC

Community Overview

- The Greater Vancouver area had a population of 2,463,431 in 2016, making it the third-largest metropolitan area in Canada
- It is one of the most ethnically and linguistically diverse cities in Canada with 52% of residents have a first language other than English

Mayor

- Gregor Robertson

MLAs

- Vancouver Fairview: Hon. George Heyman
- Vancouver-False Creek: Sam Sullivan
- Vancouver-Fraserview: Hon. George Chow
- Vancouver-Hastings: Hon. Shane Simpson
- Vancouver-Kensington: Mable Elmore
- Vancouver-Kingsway: Adrian Dix
- Vancouver-Langara: Michael Lee
- Vancouver-Mount Pleasant: Hon. Melanie Mark
- Vancouver-Point Grey: Hon. David Eby
- Vancouver-Quilchena: Andrew Wilkinson
- Vancouver-West End: Spencer Chandra Herbert

Recent Announcements

- March 2 – Minister Robinson speaks at Heather Place development ground-breaking. Province provided \$6.7M in funding for this project that provides 230 family housing units
- April 10 – The Province announced \$250,000 in TEP funding for the Vancouver Fireworks Festival Society

In the News (Vancouver)

Seniors facing life on the street as rents soar: One-quarter of the homeless in Metro Vancouver are elderly, say Kelli Stajduhar and Ashley Mollison

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Vancouver empty-homes tax takes in \$30 million

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(Times Colonist, April 24)

Vancouver apologizes to Chinese community

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Vancouver police officers team up

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(Vancouver Courier, April 26)

Millennials in Vancouver get least value for their real estate dollar: report

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Vancouver municipal parties criticized campaign financing rules last year

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From: [Aaron, Sage PREM:EX](#)
To: **s.17** ; [Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX](#)
Subject: For review: NR for Surrey Schools announcement
Date: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:25:00 PM
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This is the same release that is in the package.

For Immediate Release

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April 30, 2018

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Date: Friday, April 27, 2018 9:22:02 AM
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Hi Sage,

In order to V5 the Surrey NR we need sign off on the PJH quote etc.

Are you good with the attached? This version has been signed off by Finance.

Thank you,

JJ

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[Surrey Investments.docx](#)

Hi Sage, unfortunately Finance has yet to confirm any numbers in these materials. Please let me know if you'd like any quick changes to the language pre-briefing and I will do my utmost to make it happen. Everything waiting for finance sign off is highlighted. Materials do not include earlier school speaking engagement – as I am still waiting on details about that.

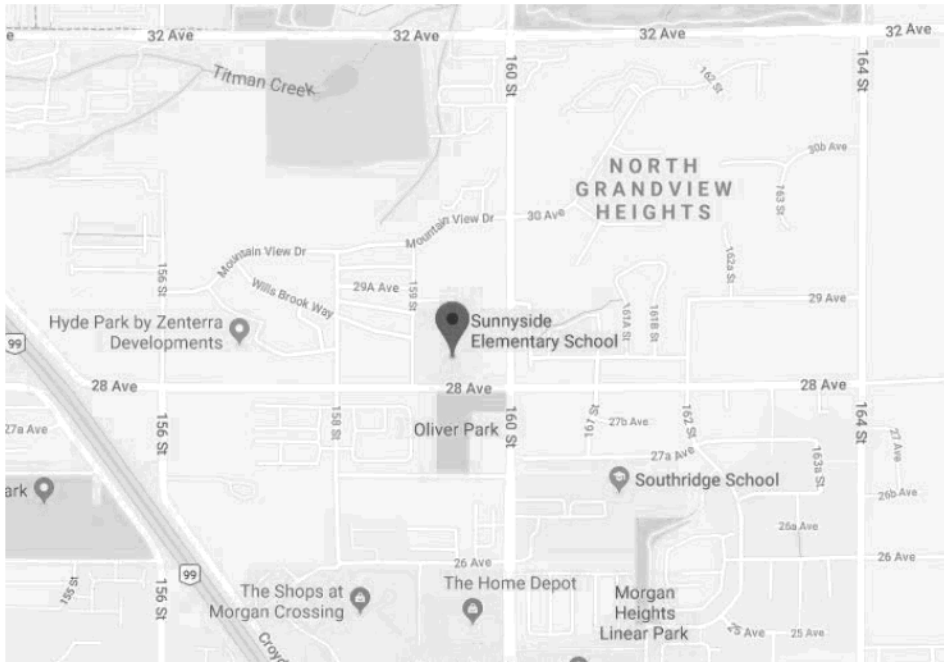
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Here you are. Numbers to be confirmed by FIN highlighted in all materials.

Thanks

Emily

Event Information / Speaking Notes / Premier John Horgan



Event: Surrey school investments

When: April 30 at 12:30 pm (pre-brief at 12:15 pm)

Where: Sunnyside Elementary School

2828 159 Street, Surrey

Length: 30 minutes

Speech: 2-3 minutes

Parking: TBC

Key Participants:

- Premier John Horgan (speaking)
- Minister Rob Fleming (speaking, emcee)
- Laurie Larsen, chair Surrey School Board (speaking)
- Rachel Der, principal, Sunnyside Elementary TBC
- Karen Tan, Surrey DPAC president TBC

Other Attendees:

- Jagrup Brar, MLA for Surrey-Fleetwood (TBC)
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- Linda Hepner, Surrey Mayor (TBC)
- Surrey school district staff and officials
- Parents
- Ryan Groundwater, president CUPE 782
- Gioia Breda, president, Surrey Teachers' Association
- Sunnyside Elementary School students, teachers and support staff
- Media

Background:

Government is investing \$63.7 million for three capital projects and a land acquisition:

1. 605 space new elementary in Douglas - \$24.3 million
2. 150 space addition at Frost Road Elementary in Fleetwood - \$5.6 million
3. 150 space addition at Coyote Creek Elementary in Fleetwood - \$4.9 million
4. Land Acquisition for a future elementary school in Sunnyside - \$28.9 million (includes \$1.4 million SD contribution)

The new school and additions will add up to 855 new K-7 spaces in Surrey.

Construction on the new Douglas elementary is expected to start in March 2019 with completion in December 2020.

Construction at both Coyote Creek and Frost Road is expected to begin in April 2019 with completion in June 2020.

Sunnyside Elementary (the school where the event is being held) is not receiving any capital funding with this announcement. The future elementary school to be built on the land purchased, along with the new Edgewood Elementary School (formerly called Grandview) and addition at Pacific Heights Elementary that were announced in December will help relieve enrolment pressures at this school.

Surrey schools

These new investments are in addition to the thousands of seats currently under construction in Surrey schools. A new Grandview Heights Secondary and two new Clayton area elementary schools, as well as classroom additions at Sullivan Heights, Panorama Park and Woodward Hill elementary schools, have already been announced. Work is underway on the 1,500-seat Salish Secondary, expected to be complete this fall.

Growing student enrollment in Surrey continues to drive overcrowding and receive significant media attention. Since 2001, student enrollment has increased 18% – from 58,648 students to about 69,446 in 2015/16. The Surrey School District currently has about 325 portables, up from about 270 last year.

Recently, a summit was held in Surrey between Minister Rob Fleming and other ministry officials, as well as representatives from the City of Surrey and Surrey School District to discuss ways to accelerate new school construction to address space pressures.

Including today's projects, Government has now announced \$107 million dollars for two new elementary schools, three additions, two seismic upgrades and a site acquisition since September 2017. These include a new \$24-million, 655-seat elementary school in Grandview Heights and a \$9-million 300-seat expansion at Pacific Heights Elementary school.

Audience Size: 20 – 25

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DRAFT ITINERARY

12:30 pm	Student activity TBC
12:35 p.m.	Minister Rob Fleming - emcee
12:37 p.m.	Premier Horgan makes announcement
12:40 p.m.	Laurie Larsen, Chair, Surrey Board of Education (TBC)
12:43 p.m.	Rachel Der, principal, Sunnyside Elementary (TBC)
12:46 p.m.	Karen Tan, Surrey DPAC President (TBC)
12:50 p.m.	Media Q&A
12:50 p.m.	Photograph

Speaking Notes
for

Premier John Horgan

New classrooms for Surrey students

Monday, April 30, 2018
12:30 pm

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

KEY MESSAGES:

- For too long, investment in Surrey schools did not meet the growth of the district.
- We're working to fix the situation.
- Today we are announcing a new elementary school, the expansion of two existing schools and the purchase of land for a future school to support people in Surrey's growing communities.

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

- Coast Salish people

- I would like to start by acknowledging we are on unceded Coast Salish territory.
- Thank you all for being here today.
- Public education changes lives and unlocks prosperity.
- It is the foundation of a fair society, where every kid can reach their full potential.
- It is our job to empower the next generation.
- To give them the tools they need to make our province a better place.
- That starts in our classrooms.

- For years investments in Surrey schools have not kept up with growing enrollment.
- Too many students in Surrey have spent too many years in overcrowded schools.
- Kids have been waiting too long for the schools they deserve.
- That is why we have moved quickly to build new classrooms in Surrey.
- Since August we have invested \$33 million in new classrooms for this growing community.
- Today we are announcing another \$64 million in new investments in Surrey.

- They include a brand new school for the Douglas neighbourhood
- As well as expansions at Frost Road Elementary and Coyote Creek Elementary
- And the purchase of land in Grandview Heights for another school.
- These investments will provide another 850 Surrey students with new classrooms.
- And this is just the beginning.
- We are very pleased to be working in partnership with the Surrey School District and the city to get schools built as quickly as possible.

- We will continue to work together through the Surrey Project Office to find solutions and accelerate projects.
- Together, we're investing in schools, in classrooms, and in a better future for our children.
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- Thank you.

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Surrey Education Investments

August 2017 - Present

Seismic and Capital Investments

1.	Dec. 7/17	Pacific Heights Elementary	\$9M	Addition	300 Seats*
2.	Dec. 7/17	Edgewood Drive Elementary (Grandview Heights)	\$24M	New School	655 Seats*
3.	Dec. 15/17	Bear Creek Elementary	\$3.1M	Seismic Upgrade	
4.	Dec. 15/17	Mary Jane Shannon Elementary	\$7.3M	Seismic Upgrade	

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		Total:	\$107.1M		1,810 seats*
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*Note seat numbers refer to nominal capacity – actual operating capacity may be slightly lower.

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Surrey Education Investments
August 2017 - Present

Projects approved prior to August 2017

Under construction

- Woodward Hill Elementary addition (up to 200 seats)
- Salish Secondary (East Clayton North, \$55.2 million, 1,500 seats, opens September 2018)

In planning stages

- Grandview Heights Secondary (\$60.6 million, 1,500 seats, opens September 2020)
- Maddaugh Road Elementary (East Clayton North, \$22.3 million, 605 seats, opens September 2019)
- Regent Road Elementary (Clayton North, \$26 million, 655 new student spaces, opens September 2020)
- Classroom additions at Sullivan and Panorama Park (up to 200 seats each).

Completed seismic and capital

2016	Port Kells (Site 209)	Site acquisition		\$9.6M
2016	Clayton Village Elementary (Site 218)	Site acquisition		\$8M
2016	Adams Road Elementary	Addition	240 seats	\$5.6M
2016	Morgan Elementary	Addition	90 seats	\$2.3M
2016	Rosemary Heights Elementary	Addition	40 seats	\$1.5M
2015	Salish Secondary (Former Clayton North Site 215)	Site acquisition		\$18.8M
2015	Grandview Heights Secondary	Site acquisition		\$10M
2015	T.E Scott Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$2M
2015	Guilford Park Secondary	Seismic upgrade		\$259,245
2015	Sullivan Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$1M
2015	Colebrook Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$1.4M
2015	Mountainview Montessori	Seismic upgrade		\$71,165
2015	Kennedy Trail Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$64,840
2015	KB Woodward Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$1.5M

Surrey Education Investments

August 2017 - Present

2015	J.T. Brown Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$3.6M
2015	Hall's Prairie Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$1.3M
2015	East Kensington Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$1.3M
2015	Discovery Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$826,846
2015	Clayton Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$1.2M
2015	AHP Matthew Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$2.1M
2014	Panorama Ridge Secondary	Addition	300 seats	\$8.4M
2014	Katzie Elementary	New	605 seats	\$14.3M
2014	Goldstone Park Elementary	New	555 seats	\$17.7M
2014	Fraser Heights Secondary	Addition	200 seats	\$7.1M
2013	Sunnyside Elementary	Replacement		\$14.9M
2012	Grandview Heights Area Elementary	Site acquisition		\$8M
2012	Clayton North Area Elementary (Site 184)	Site acquisition		\$4.7M
2012	McLeod Road Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$3.7M
2011	Adams Road Elementary	New	330 seats	\$11M
2011	Clayton North Area Secondary	Site acquisition	Site acquisition	\$2.7M
2011	Woodward Hill Elementary (was South Newton West)	New	530 seats	\$17.3M
2011	Surrey Traditional School	Seismic upgrade phase 1		\$3.9M
2010	Surrey Traditional School	Seismic upgrade phase 2		\$2.7M
2009	Green Timbers Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$5.1M
2009	Dr. F.D. Sinclair Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$4.2M
2009	Clayton Village NE	Site acquisition		\$4.1M

Surrey Education Investments

August 2017 - Present

	Area Elementary			
2009	Clayton NE Area Elementary	Site acquisition		\$3.8M
2009	Hazelgrove Elementary	New	480 seats	\$14.8M
2008	Ellendale Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$987,439
2008	Rosemary Heights Elementary	New (replacement)	125 seats	\$10.9M
2007	Douglas Area Elementary	Site acquisition		\$4.7M
2007	Senator Reid Elementary	Seismic upgrade		\$2.3M
2007	White Rock Elementary	Replacement		\$10.1M
2007	Pacific Heights Elementary	Replacement		\$7.8M
2006	Frank Hurt Secondary	Seismic upgrade		\$796,120
2006	Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary	Site acquisition		\$6.8M
2006	Chimney Hill Elementary	Addition	225 seats	\$2.9M
2006	Cambridge Elementary	New	480 seats	\$9.4M
2006	Panorama Ridge Secondary	New	1100 seats	\$25.7M
2004	Rosemary Heights Elementary	Site acquisition		\$2.1M
2004	Newton Area Secondary (Panorama Ridge Secondary)	Site acquisition		\$1.2M
2003	Surrey Centre Elementary	Replacement		\$5.2M
2003	Elgin Park Secondary	Addition	300 seats	\$4.5M
2003	David Brankin Elementary	Conversion from secondary to 630 seat elementary		\$1.3M
2003	Surrey Traditional School	Conversion from secondary to K-9 school		\$1.4M
2002	AJ McLellan	New	355 seats	\$6.3M

Surrey Education Investments

August 2017 - Present

	Elementary			
2002	Morgan Elementary	New	355 seats	\$7M
2002	Bridgeview Elementary	Replacement		\$4.1M
2002	Kwantlen Park Secondary	Replacement		\$17.4M
2002	Enver Creek Secondary	Addition	475 seats	\$4.1M
2002	Fleetwood Park Secondary	Addition	275 seats	\$3.8M
2002	James Ardiel Elementary	Addition	125 seats	\$1.7M
2002	LA Matheson Secondary	Addition	275 seats	\$3.2M
2002	MB Sanford Elementary	Addition	150 seats	\$1.3M
2001	Chimney Hill Elementary	New	380 seats	\$4M
2001	Coast Meridian Elementary	New	330 seats	\$4.2M
2001	Creekside Elementary	Addition	125 seats	\$849,535
2001	Dogwood Elementary	Addition	175 seats	\$1.5M
2001	Green Timbers Elementary	Addition	275 seats	\$1.7M
2001	Ray Shepherd Elementary	Addition	125 seats	\$1.2M
2001	Serpentine Heights Elementary	Addition	100 seats	\$809,879
2001	Strawberry Hill Elementary	Addition	140 seats	\$882,134
2001	Walnut Road Elementary	Addition	100 seats	\$1M

Questions & Answers
Additional student spaces in Surrey
April 30, 2018

Q: What are you doing to reduce the number of portables in Surrey?

- We agree that there are far too many students going to school in portables in Surrey.
- The number of portables in this district increased significantly under the previous government's watch, and we are working hard to address the backlog of badly needed capital projects here in Surrey.
- We are working with the Surrey School District and the City of Surrey to accelerate capital investment in the district and fix this problem that was ignored for too long.
- In the past five months, this government has already invested over \$107 million for two new elementary schools, three additions, two seismic upgrades and a site acquisition.

Q: Why aren't you funding an addition at Sunnyside?

- We are working closely with the Surrey School District to address their capital needs as quickly as possible.
- The future elementary school to be built on the land purchased, along with the new Edgewood Elementary School (formerly called Grandview) and addition at Pacific Heights Elementary that were announced in December will help relieve enrolment pressures at this school.
- The ministry funds capital projects in the order they are prioritized by the school district. The Surrey School District prioritized the projects being announced today before the addition at Sunnyside.

Q: The additions at Frost Road and Coyote Creek are removing six portables – four at Frost Road and two at Coyote Creek. Will there still be portables in use at the schools once the additions are complete?

- These expansions will remove all the portables currently in use at the schools.

Q: Does the Surrey School District have to contribute to these projects?

- No, the Surrey School District does not have to contribute anything towards the school construction projects announced today.

- The district is contributing \$1.4 million in land capital toward the site purchase.

Q: Has the Ministry reached an agreement with the Surrey School District on cost-sharing?

- Yes – I am very excited to have reached a cost-sharing agreement with Surrey that works for everybody.
- We are looking forward to moving forward on projects under this new agreement.
- I'm proud of the relationship we've built with the Surrey School District.

Q: Are these projects included in the previous government's announcement of \$217 million?

- That announcement was a promise made by the previous government as part of Budget 2017 – to approve \$217 million worth of projects over three years. There were no projects actually approved as part of that announcement.
- In fact, the only project that was actually approved and funded by the previous government as part of that \$217 million was a \$26-million elementary school in Clayton Village.
- In the past five months, this government has already worked together with the Surrey School District and the City of Surrey to actually approve \$107 million in funding for two new elementary schools, three additions, two seismic upgrades and a site acquisition.

Q: Why can't you fund all of the capital projects needed in Surrey right now?

- We want to see the number of portables reduced as quickly as possible across the province and especially in Surrey, and this is a great step toward that goal.
- We have established a Project Office to manage the large volume of capital projects in Surrey.
- We will work collaboratively with the City of Surrey and the school district to find solutions to speed up new school construction.

Q: Will the ministry fund the district's capital plan of 22 projects?

- We have reviewed the Surrey School District's capital plan, and are supporting them to move forward on their highest priority projects.

- We're open to changing policies that will allow us to spend and invest more quickly in getting new schools built, while at the same time ensuring that taxpayers are getting value for their investments.
- Right now, our focus is to get a lot more schools built more quickly.
- We're looking at how to do things differently than what has been done in the past with reasonable policies that make sense not just for Surrey, but for all of the growing school districts in the province.

Q: When will you fund the rest of the seismic upgrades that are needed in Surrey?

- The safety of students, teachers and support staff is our top priority.
- We have a goal to ensure every family in B.C. can send their children to seismically safe schools.
- We inherited a backlog of seismic projects that need to be expedited, and we are getting to work on that in Surrey and across the province.
- In Surrey, 75% of high-risk schools have had their upgrades completed.
- We have supported the Surrey School District to move forward on planning for four out of the five remaining seismic projects in the district.
- We are working with the Surrey School District to find ways to accelerate funding approvals and get to work on seismic upgrades.

Q: The Surrey School District has said they are not receiving enough funding to cover increasing portable costs, and other increasing operational costs in the upcoming year. What is your response to that?

- Education is a top priority for our government and we are moving forward on improving funding for B.C.'s education system.
- We have tabled a budget that is the largest single investment in K-to-12 education in the province's history, and that has the largest capital budget in B.C. to date.
- Operating grants for school districts in 2018/2019 are set to increase to almost \$5.2 billion – up over \$130 million from 2017/2018
- Surrey is expected to receive an estimated increase of \$22.4 million in operating funding next school year, bringing the total to \$650 million for 2018/19. This is in addition to \$37 million provided to the district through the classroom enhancement fund.

- Surrey school district will also see additional savings of \$2.7 million in 2018/2019 through MSP reductions, network savings and reduced pension contributions.
- The immediate 50% cut to MSP premiums, as well as pension plan changes, and NGN savings helped Surrey school district realize \$7.2 million in savings for this school year.
- We are making investments, like today's, to create more classroom spaces to support students in Surrey.
- We are reviewing the district's five-year capital plan and working closely with the Capital Project Office in Surrey to accelerate the pace of school construction from green light to ground breaking.
- This is a transitional year as districts work to implement the Memorandum of Agreement with the BCTF and there are some unique situations and challenges.
- One of those challenges has been an increase in the number of portables in the fall as districts create smaller classes to comply with the MOA.
- We are committed to making sure the use of portables to address growth pressures is not a long-term solution.

Q: Will Government create a policy that states non-temporary portables will be funded through means other than the operating budget?

- We are looking at all of our options and working with the District to find ways to eliminate the use of portables in a way that best benefits students.

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Subject: Surrey Schools info
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 5:32:33 PM
Attachments: [EP - Surrey Schools.doc](#)

Full EP is attached – but this is the meat of it (with locations in Surrey noted where available)
If you could let me know if there is interest in this – noting they are elementary – not secondary schools – I can get the ministry moving on plans.

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Douglas Elementary School: (South Surrey – waiting for clarity on exact location)

Value: \$24.28 million

Scope: New K-7 school in Douglas area of South Surrey Seismic, 605 student capacity

Schedule: Construction start-up March 2019, completion December 2020

(NOTE: final approval pending)

Frost Road Elementary School: (Surrey-Cloverdale)

Value: \$8 million

Scope: 93-seat addition

Coyote Creek Elementary School: (Surrey Fleetwood)

Value: \$7 million

Scope: 93 seat addition

Sunnyside Land Acquisition: (Surrey Panorama)

Value: \$27.56 million

Scope: Acquisition of land in the Sunnyside area of South West Grandview Heights for future construction of new elementary school

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**Event Proposal
Surrey School Capital Projects**

Date: TBD

Time: Time TBC

Location: TBD (Surrey School District – SD36)

Provincial representative: Premier John Horgan, Education Minister Rob Fleming (TBC)

Media Market: Lower Mainland, Surrey

EVENT

- Premier Horgan will announce funding for 3-5 school projects in Surrey including one new elementary school, two school expansions, and one-two site acquisitions for future elementary schools.

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HEADLINE: Students in Surrey look forward to new and expanded schools

PROJECT DETAILS:

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VENUE DESCRIPTION/FORMAT

- Elementary school near site of Douglas Elementary site - details TBD
- Announcement will be made from podium

VISUALS:

- Premier, Minister, students, parents, school staff gathered at elementary school (TBD) near Douglas Elementary site

- Podium sign –
Supporting our children by investing in BC schools
- Student activity

FUNDING

- B.C. Government s.17

EVENT ORGANIZER

- GCPE with coordination from School District 36

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

- Government is committed to reducing the use of portables and building schools to meet the growing population of Surrey.
- The Ministry has established a Capital Project Office in Surrey to manage the large number of capital projects underway.
- Since September, government has announced four projects in Surrey, totalling \$43.4 million in funding (not including projects listed above).

EVENT PARTICIPANTS

- John Horgan, Premier - speaking
- Rob Fleming, Minister of Education - speaking
- Linda Larsen, Chair, Surrey Board of Education
- Jordan Tinney, Superintendent, Surrey School District
- Linda Hepner, Mayor, City of Surrey (TBC)
- Parent Validator (TBC)

KEY MESSAGES

- **Education is a top priority for our government.**
- **For too long, investment in Surrey schools did not meet the growth of the district.**
- **We're working to fix the situation.**
- **Today we are announcing investments to build a new elementary school, expand existing schools and acquire land for future schools to support students and families in this growing community.**

DRAFT ITINERARY

XX:30 a.m.	Student activity TBC
XX:35 a.m.	Minister Rob Fleming - emcee
XX:37 a.m.	Premier Horgan &/or Minister Rob Fleming making announcement TBC
XX:40 a.m.	Jordan Tinney, Superintendent, Surrey School District
XX:43 a.m.	Laurie Larsen, Chair, Surrey Board of Education
XX:46 a.m.	Linda Hepner, Mayor, City of Surrey TBC
XX:49 a.m.	Parent Validator TBC

XX:52 a.m.	Media Q&A
XX:55 a.m.	Photograph