

## **BCSTA** responds to Playground Equipment Program announcement

[Vancouver B.C. - May 8, 2018] The British Columbia School Trustees Association is pleased to see the government investing in local school and communities with the announcement of the Playground Equipment Program, which will see the province investing \$5 million into new playground equipment for schools every year.

"Students, parents, school staff and local community members will surely appreciate the government's investment in improving BC's playgrounds," said BCSTA President Gordon Swan in response to the announcement. "I would like to thank Premier John Horgan and Education Minister Rob Fleming for committing to improve playgrounds throughout BC in the years to come in accordance with the plans outlined today, and for relieving some of the financial burden parent advisory councils (PACs) face every school year as they work to keep playground equipment functional and safe."

The announcement indicates that 51 schools will see new equipment installed prior to the start of classes in September, with funding being allocated based on greatest need.

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