



British Columbia  
School Trustees  
Association

March 31, 2021

**The Honourable Jennifer Whiteside**

*Minister of Education*

PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt

Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Whiteside,

**Subject: School Life Cycle Funding**

On behalf of British Columbia's boards of education, please accept the attached report titled "The Case for Increased School Life Cycle Funding."

This paper was written by BCSTA's Capital Working Group with input from every board of education in B.C. The report, endorsed by our board of directors, focuses on the province-wide need to address steadily increasing levels of deferred life cycle maintenance.

Due to a lack of adequate funding for building maintenance, boards of education are currently unable to maintain consistent regular maintenance on school buildings. The implications of this have been highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Regular maintenance for facilities is critical to providing safe, efficient learning environments for children and that this can be best achieved with adequate annual funding.

BCSTA's board of directors looks forward to discussing the report with you at a future date, and we thank you for your consideration of this important area of concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Higginson", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

**Stephanie Higginson**

*President*

British Columbia School Trustees Association

Enclosure: Report: The Case for Increased School Life Cycle Funding

CC: Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister  
BCSTA member boards of education