

**MINUTES OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPERATIONS POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 7:00 PM  
Via Webex Livestream**

**PRESENT** Anita Ansari, Chair  
Dee Beattie, Trustee  
Danielle Connelly, Trustee  
Gurveen Dhaliwal, Vice Chair  
Mark Gifford, Trustee  
Maya Russell, Trustee

Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent  
Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer  
Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent  
Robert Weston, Executive Director, Human Resources  
Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary  
-19 and to the victims of the mass shooting in

Middle schools. All sites were below the acceptable concentration levels. Lead

A District-wide survey was distributed to all district families, over 4,000 parents participated and answered questions surrounding essential service support, childcare support, meal support, unique needs and technology support.

Superintendent Hachlaf thanked Westminster Children's After School Society (WCAS) for their partnership with the District in assisting with providing childcare; he also thanked all those working at the six District childcare learning centres to provide childcare for essential services workers.

Every effort is being made to reach out to Queensborough families who may be facing transportation challenges in being able to pick-up meals at NWSS.

Superintendent Hachlaf thanked Val Pontier, Sabine Decamp and Gary Pattern for their work and leadership in utilizing the District's 3D printers to create face shields for front-line health care workers; to date 500 face shields per week are being produced.

Associate Superintendent Naser explained childcare provisions being put in place for students who require a higher level of support. Principals have been asked to reach out to vulnerable students who may require assistance and counselling support to bring them into the schools where face-to-face support can be offered in a classroom setting.

A list of various resources has been published on the District's [website](#) to assist with those who are seeking additional support. The Districts' six childcare learning centres

Supplemental funding based on:

- Unique student needs
- Unique district factors
- Funding Protection/Enrolment Decline

Provincial funding to school districts was highlighted.

2020/21 Rate Changes were reviewed:

- Overall lifts are noted in all categories; no increase for Distributed Learning
- 1.74% rate change increase; 0.92% enrolment change increase:
- Additional funding for:
  - f* Equity of Opportunity
  - f* Unique Geographic Factors
  - f* Curriculum and Learning Support
  - f* Small Community Supplement

Total school-aged enrolment funding - increase of approximately \$588,593.

Overall resulting in a lift of \$1,023,916 due to rate changes, however, several supplements were rolled in to the general operating grant block, resulting in less revenue of \$168,932 than if these supplements were unchanged.

Risks to Projections:

- Funding to be confirmed by Ministry of Education
- Potential new cost pressures to be confirmed by province

The districts have been asked to provide COVID-19 impacts (includes both costs and savings) to the Ministry, however, it is not clear as to what the Ministry will do with this information.

2020-21 COVID-19 financial impacts:

Potential revenue loss related to the COVID-19

Potential additional costs related to the COVID-19

There are many unknowns and variables that may cause significant shortfalls for the 2020-21 budget.

**7. Old Business**

Nil.

**8. Question Period (15 Minutes)**

Nil.

Trustee Connelly thanked the District's students, teachers, parents/guardians, staff, unions, and community partners for everyone's patience, support and work.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.