



ITEM 13

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Mike Murray

Re: **MOTION TO BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES
ASSOCIATION – REVIEW OF SCHOOL
AREA STANDARDS**

Date: February 15, 2023
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Recent reviews have identified the need for additional space to accommodate food security programs, integrated child and youth teams, indigenous student support and other specialized learning environments which cannot be adequately accommodated in schools designed using the current area standards. Since all of these represent enhanced school programs being encouraged (and funded) by the Ministry of Education and Child Care and other Ministries a detailed review and revision is required of School Area Standards.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to BCSTA:

“That the BCSTA request the Ministry of Education and Child Care complete a review of the Area Standards for new school capital projects in collaboration with all education partner groups to ensure sufficient space is provided in schools to adequately address the diverse needs of students.”

Review of School Area Standards

32.

Category: School Premises, Facilities, Services

Motion #: 32 : A202332

Sponsor: Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows

Meeting: AGM 2023

Action: *not specified*

Category:

Outcome:

- Aug 24, 2023: ADM Chris Brown & team make presentation to BCSTA BoD re: funding
- June 2024: CWG report released, media coverage (mix of print and radio) - 10
- June 2024: Board passed motion at BOD meeting to proceed with RFP for Area Standards Review

Disposition: Carried

Motion as Adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education and Child Care complete a review of the Area Standards for new school capital projects in collaboration with all education partner groups to ensure sufficient space is provided in schools to adequately address the diverse and changing needs of students.

Motion as Presented:

BE IT RESOLVED:

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Rationale:

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Reference(s):

SD42 Report: Deepening Indigenous Education and Equity: Supporting the Wholistic Success of Indigenous Learners, Families and Communities in Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 – (recommendations – pg. 8)



[Deepening-Indigenous-Education-and-Equity.pdf \(sd42.ca\)](#)

This is an action motion and does not change or contradict any existing Foundational or Policy Statement.