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To: Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent
School District No. 93 (Conseil scolaire francophone)

Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD93-02

Re: Amended Ministry Response to the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for 2022/23

This letter is in response to your School District's 2022/23 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submissions for Major Capital Programs and Minor Capital Programs, and provides direction for advancing supported and approved capital projects. **Please see all bolded sections below for information.**

Following the recent funding approval for the Site Acquisition in Smithers, and considering the leasing timeframe constraints on the existing facility being leased to operate Ecole la Grande-Ourse, the Ministry is pleased to support the District to develop a business case for a new temporary 'modular' style school in Smithers. Support for advancing to this stage is reflected in the Major Capital Projects table below, including detail on timelines for providing a draft Business Case to the Ministry.

The Ministry has reviewed all 60 school districts' Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submissions for Major Capital Programs and Minor Capital Programs to determine priorities for available capital funding in the following programs:

- Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP)
- Expansion Program (EXP)
- Replacement Program (REP)
- Site Acquisition Program (SAP)
- Rural District Program (RDP)
- School Enhancement Program (SEP)
- Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)
- Building Envelope Program (BEP)
- Playground Equipment Program (PEP)
- Bus Acquisition Program (BUS)

The following tables identify major capital projects that are supported to proceed to the next stage, if applicable, as well as minor capital projects that are approved for funding and are able to proceed to procurement.

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS (SMP, EXP, REP, RDP)

New Projects

Project #	Project Name	Project Type	Comments
159638	Ecole la Grande-Ourse (Smithers)	New temporary modular school and gymnasium	Project has been supported. Provide draft PDR by December 1, 2022.
150030	Ecole Collines-D'Or (Kamloops)	Addition	Project has been supported. Your Regional Director will contact you regarding next steps
154173	Ecole Sophie Morigeau (Fernie)	Site Acquisition	Project has been supported. Your Regional Director will contact you regarding next steps
154175	Ecole la Grande-ourse (Smithers)	Site Acquisition	Project has been supported. Your Regional Director will contact you regarding next steps
TBD	2022-23 – Various Leases	Leases	Your Regional Director will contact you regarding next steps

Projects in Development from Previous Years

Project #	Project Name	Project Type	Comments
153143	Des Deux-Rives (Mission)	Addition	Please provide Final PDR by May 31, 2022
128356	La Vallee (Pemberton)	New School	Please provide Final PDR by June 30, 2022
150169	Beausoleil (Victoria)	New School	Please provide Final PDR by September 30, 2022
150190	Former Duthie-Union (Burnaby)	New School	Please provide Final PDR by November, 2022
150487	Ecole des Cascades (Duncan)	Site Acquisition	Project continues to be supported. Your Regional Director will contact you regarding next steps

Follow-up meetings will be scheduled by your respective Regional Director or Planning Officer regarding next steps. Also, note that Capital Project Funding Agreements (CPFA) are not issued for Major Capital Projects until after the Business Case and all other required supporting documentation is received, reviewed, and approved for funding by the Ministry.

MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS (SEP, CNCP, BEP, PEP, BUS)

Below are tables for the minor capital projects that are approved. The table identifies School Enhancement Program (SEP), Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP), Building Envelope Program (BEP), Playground Equipment Program (PEP), as well as the Bus Acquisition Program (BUS), if applicable.

New projects for SEP, CNCP, BEP, PEP

Facility Name	Program Project Description	Amount Funded by Ministry	Next Steps & Timing
Des Sept-Sommets	SEP - HVAC Upgrades	\$1,317,210	Proceed to design, tender & construction. To be completed by March 31, 2023.
Andre-Piolat	CNCP - Energy Systems Upgrade	\$578,000	Proceed to design, tender & construction. To be completed by March 31, 2023.
Anne-Hebert Elementaire	PEP - New - Universally Accessible Playground Equipment	\$165,000	Proceed to design, tender & construction. To be completed by March 31, 2023.

An Annual Programs Funding Agreement (APFA) accompanies this Capital Plan Response Letter which outlines specific Ministry and Board related obligations associated with the approved Minor Capital Projects for the 2022/23 fiscal year as listed above.

In accordance with Section 143 of the *School Act*, Boards of Education are required to adopt a single Capital Bylaw (using the Capital Bylaw Number provided at the beginning of this document) for its approved 2022/23 Five-Year Capital Plan as identified in this Capital Plan Response Letter. For additional information, please visit the Capital Bylaw website at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/capital/planning/capital-bylaws>

With the 2022/23 Capital Plan process now complete, the Capital Plan Instructions for the upcoming 2023/24 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submission process (using the Ministry's Capital Asset Planning System (CAPS) online platform) are available at the Ministry's [Capital Planning](#) webpage.

NOTE: School districts' Capital Plan submission deadlines for the 2023/24 fiscal year, using the CAPS online platform, will be as follows:

- Major Capital Programs (SMP, EXP, REP, RDP, BEP) – June 30, 2022
- Minor Capital Programs (SEP, CNCP, PEP, BUS) – September 30, 2022

The staggered deadlines are intended to provide the Ministry with input required to initiate planning for the next budget cycle, while enabling school districts additional time and flexibility to plan over the summer. School districts may wish to provide Major and Minor Capital submissions by the June 30, 2022 deadline.

Please refrain from proactively reaching out to media regarding approved projects until the Province has made public announcements regarding minor capital approvals and playgrounds. Procurement and operational disclosure can continue.

When preparing public announcements pertaining to these approvals after the provincial announcements, please have District communications staff contact Meghan McRae, Communications Director, Government Communications and Public Engagement, at (250) 952-0622

Additionally, the Annual Facility Grant (AFG) project requests for the 2022/23 fiscal year are to be submitted using the CAPS online platform, on or before May 31, 2022.

Please contact your respective Regional Director or Planning Officer as per the [Capital Management Branch Contact List](#) with any questions regarding this Capital Plan Response Letter or the Ministry's capital plan process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Francois Bertrand', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Francois Bertrand, Executive Director
Capital Management Branch

pc: Damien Crowell, Director, Major Capital Projects, Capital Management Branch
Geoff Croshaw, A/Director, Minor Capital Programs and Finance Unit, Capital Management Branch