



WEDNESDAY  
JUNE 29TH



# PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST

*More about the Role of the Trustee*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29TH

7- 8 PM

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

494 SOUTH FLETCHER ROAD

GIBSONS



A scenic view of a forested coastline. In the foreground, a large, dark, mossy rock sits on a rocky shore. To the left, several tall, dark evergreen trees stand. To the right, a single evergreen tree is visible. The middle ground shows a calm body of water, possibly a bay or fjord, with a forested hillside in the background. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The text is overlaid in two white rectangular boxes with black text.

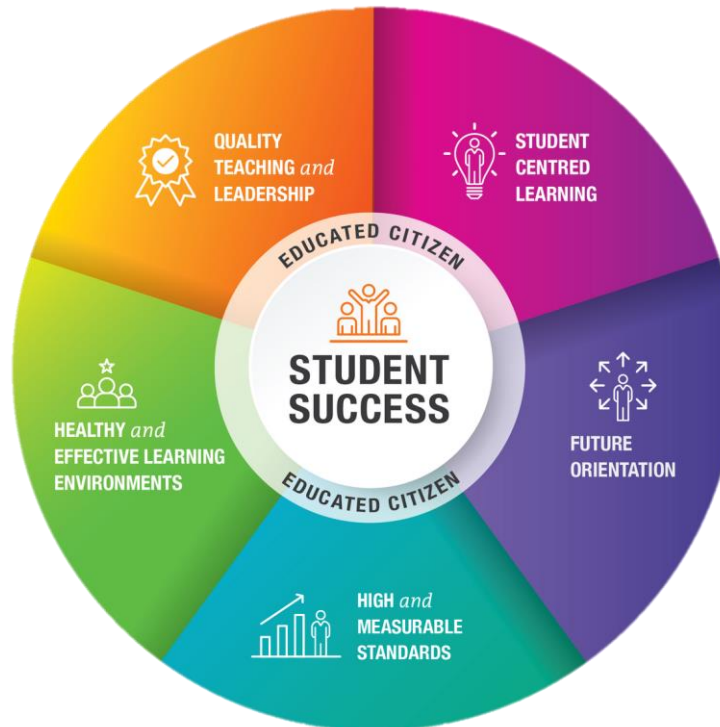
**WE ARE HONOURED TO LIVE, LEARN, PLAY AND WORK ON THE UNCEDED  
TERRITORIES OF THE SKWXWÚ7MESH NATION AND THE SHÍSHÁLH NATION**





# PROVINCIAL STRUCTURES / DIRECTION

- Public Education
  - Ministry of Education and Childcare
  - School Act
  - Public School Policies





## //// The Educated Citizen

- **thoughtful, able to learn and to think critically, and who can communicate information from a broad knowledge base;**
- **creative, flexible, self-motivated and who have a positive self image;**
- **capable of making independent decisions;**
- **skilled and who can contribute to society generally, including the world of work;**
- **productive, who gain satisfaction through achievement and who strive for physical well-being;**
- **cooperative, principled and respectful of others regardless of differences;**
- **aware of the rights and prepared to exercise the responsibilities of an individual within the family, the community, Canada, and the world.**





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Vision: We are a community engaged in lifelong learning and educational excellence.

Mission: We support and inspire each student to experience joy and fulfillment in realizing their potential as a knowledgeable, confident, and contributing citizen in the global community.

Affirmation: The Board of School District 46 affirms its commitment to Indigenous Peoples and Reconciliation by building relationships and deepening understanding of Indigenous history, worldviews, and ways of knowing.



*Amara*





# ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

- Nine elementary & four secondary schools
- K-7 nature based learning program
- Alternative education programs
- SPIDER online learning
- Indigenous learning
- Inclusive Education
- Early learning programs and supports





# CULTURE OF LEARNING

- Truth and Reconciliation
- Partners and Relationship
- Trauma Informed Practice
- Transformative Learning
  - Literacy
  - Numeracy
  - Communicating Student Learning
  - Land-based learning
- Inclusive Education
- Student Voice





# MEET OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION



- Chair Amanda Amaral
- Vice-Chair Maria Hampvent
- Stacia Leech
- Sue Girard
- Samantha Haines
- Pammila Ruth
- Tonya Ste. Marie
- Student Trustee  
Matthew Douglas







# MEET OUR SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

- Superintendent of Schools  
Kate Kerr
- Secretary-Treasurer  
Nicholas Weswick
- Directors of Instruction  
Paul Bishop
- Director of Instruction  
Christa Rive





# WHO ARE SCHOOL TRUSTEES?

- Decisions and actions are made as a board.
- Trustees debate ideas and vote on a final decision.
- Once a board has voted, a trustee must uphold the decision.

*Part of a Team*



- Primary job is to participate in policy-making and strategic planning in the interests of students.
- Decision-making that benefits the whole board, while representing the interests of constituents.

*Community Leaders*



- Overseeing a school district's financial decisions.
- Overseeing the development of a strategic plan.
- Ensuring budget and staff allocations are in alignment with district goals.

*Accountable*



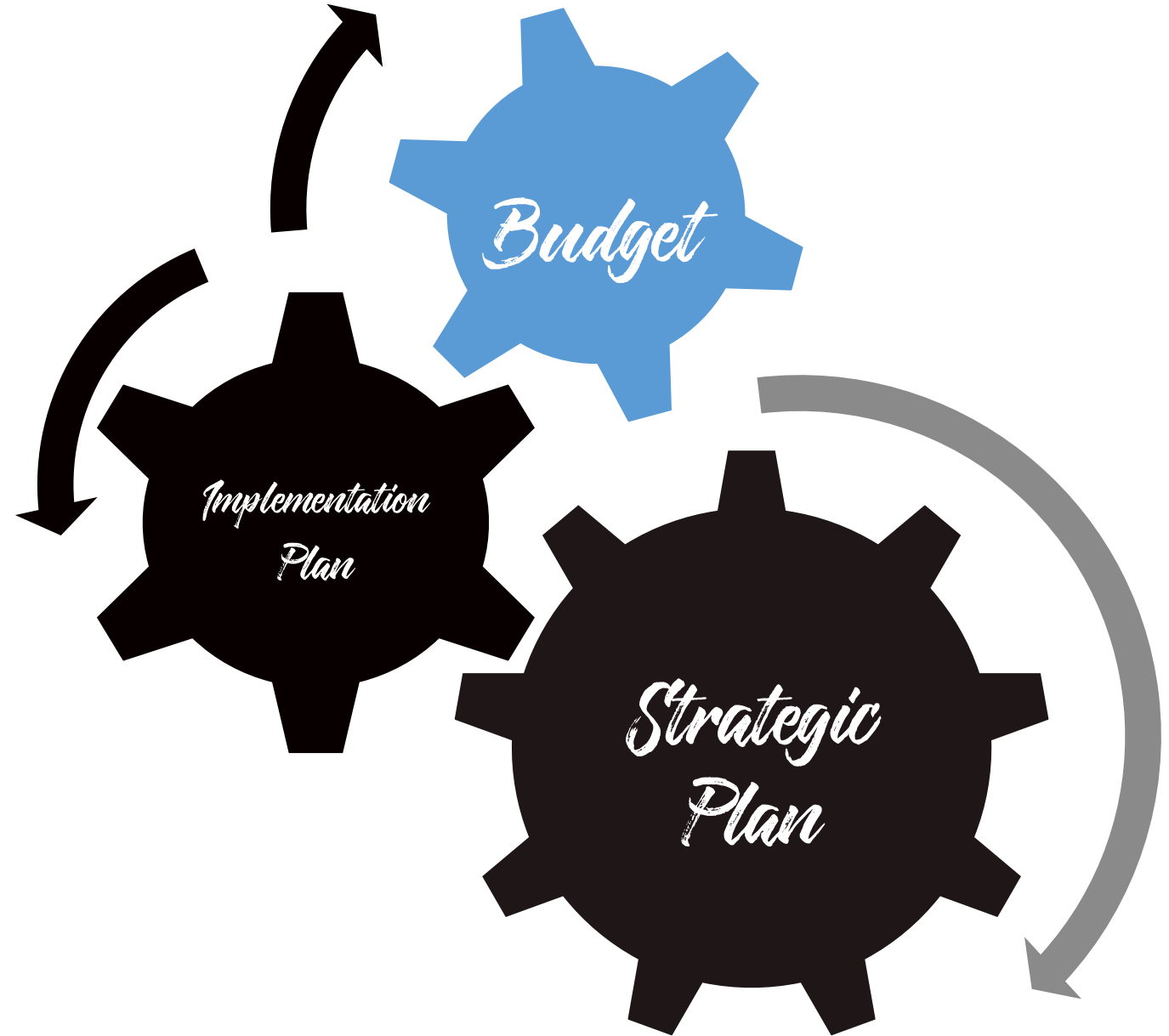


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## WHAT DRIVES THE BUDGET?

- The **strategic plan** describes the overarching goals of the school district;
- The **implementation plan** outlines the initiatives and directives to achieve those goals; and
- The **budget** is developed to fund these initiatives.



*Amanda / Vic*





# BUDGETS, BUDGETS, BUDGETS



## OPERATING BUDGET

- Learning, teaching, programs and administration.
- Majority of budget is allocated to staffing, supplies and services.
- Limited opportunity for discretionary spending.



## CAPITAL BUDGET

- Facilities maintenance, fields and related infrastructure
- Cannot be used for staffing, programs, supplies or services.



## SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

- Grants received from third parties
- Externally designated for a special function or purpose, typically within a specific time-frame.
- Cannot be used for purposes other than targeted intention.

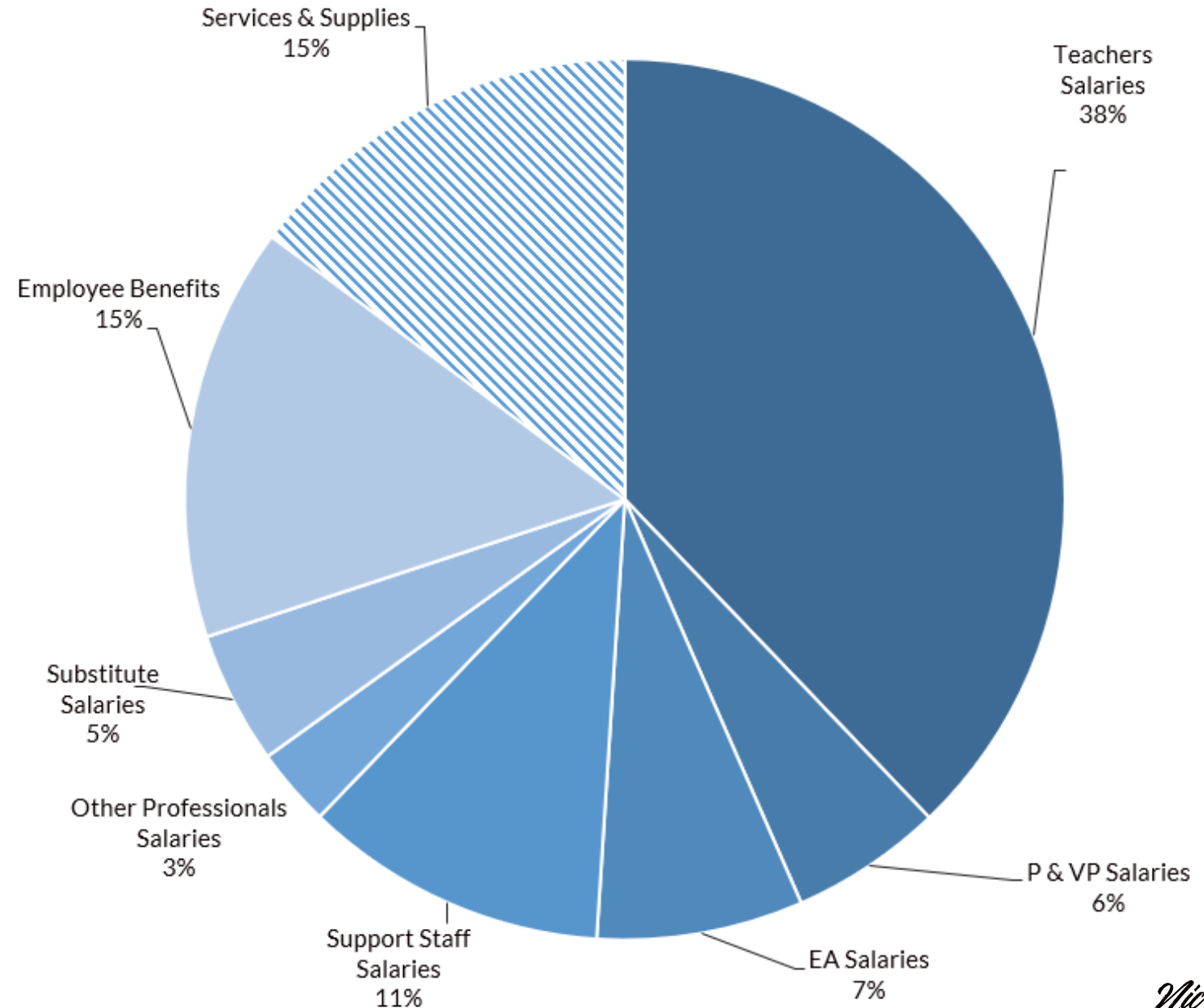




## EXPENDITURES BY TYPE

Teachers Salaries	\$ 16,518,836
P & VP Salaries	\$ 2,668,651
EA Salaries	\$ 3,485,854
Support Staff Salaries	\$ 5,128,953
Other Professionals Salaries	\$ 1,405,047
Substitute Salaries	\$ 2,331,292
Employee Benefits	\$ 7,480,933
Services & Supplies	\$ 7,282,766

*Note: Includes surplus & special purpose funds*

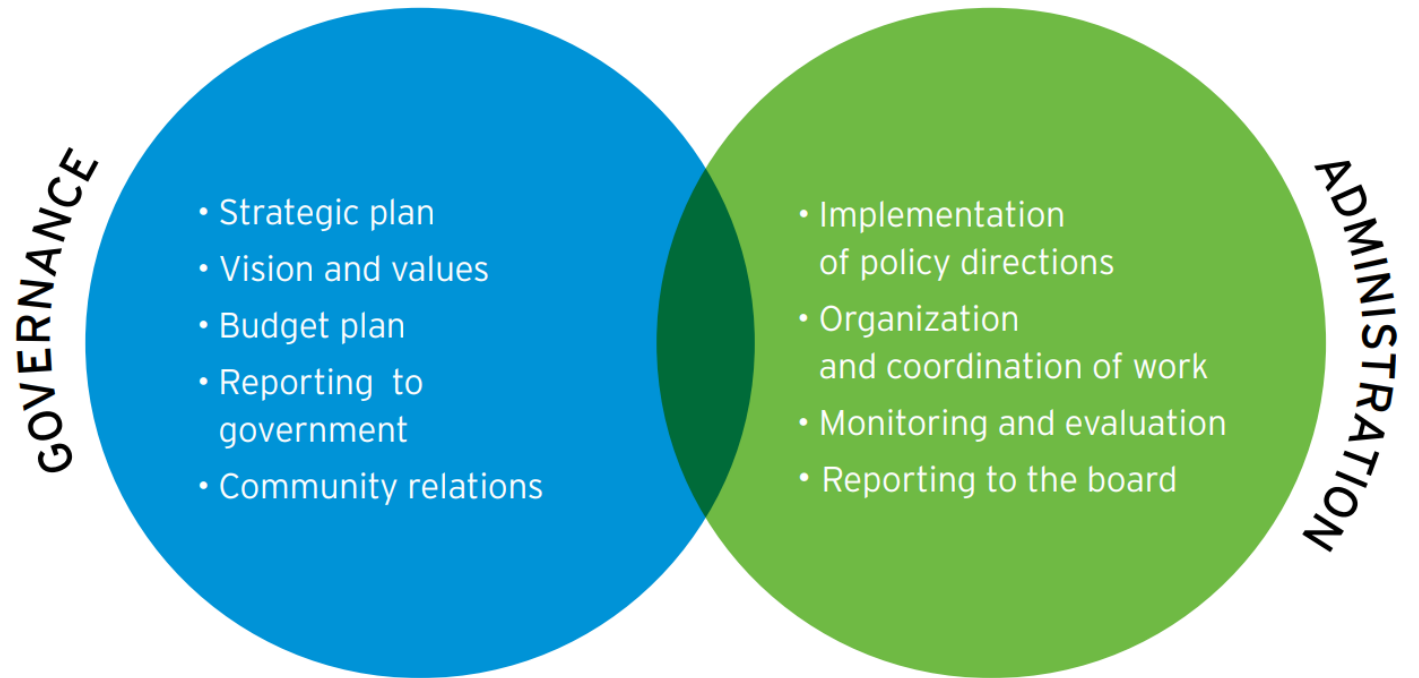




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## WHAT IS GOVERNANCE?

- Trustees are responsible for governing a school district as part of a corporate board
- Boards set direction
- It is the board's role to govern, not to run the district's day-to-day operations.
- Trustees are part of a board
- Individual trustees have no legal authority. Only the board as a whole holds power







# WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

## *Review School District Policies*

- Candidates should review the board's bylaw and governance policies.
- Attend a school board meeting.
- Speak with current trustee's about the role.

## *Understand Legislation and Policy*

- Board operations are bound by legislation and provincial policy.
- Trustees will develop an understand of legislative process, legislation structures (*School Act*), government policy and board policy.

## *Get Financial Literacy Support*

- District staff and the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) can support trustees in understanding financial oversight.

## *Be Willing to Learn*

- Willingness to learn new skills to effectively protect the interests of students, families and the community.
- Supports available through BCSTA including legal services, communications, pro-d, training manuals, etc.





# BOARD SCHEDULE 2021-2022



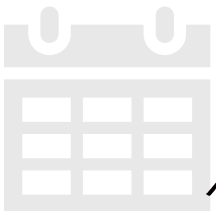
*March*

- BCSTA South Coast Branch
- Regular and Closed Board Meeting
- Committee Day (Operations, Committee of the Whole)
- BCPSEA Collective Bargaining Academy (BCPSEA Representative)
- PAC Meeting(s)
- Intergovernmental Meeting



*April*

- Regular and Closed Board Meeting
- Ad Hoc Internal & External Committee Review
- DSLT Student Forum
- BCSTA Annual General Meeting
- Committee Day (Operations, Committee of the Whole, Education)
- PAC Meeting(s)



*May*

- Regular and Closed Board Meeting
- Committee Day (Operations, Committee of the Whole, Education)
- PAC Meeting(s)

*Amanda*



# WHO CAN RUN FOR OFFICE

Must be a Canadian citizen age 18 or older on voting day.

A BC resident for at least six months prior to registration

## *Eligibility*

Not previously disqualified under the School Act, or any other enactment.

Board employees must take a leave of absence to run and resign if elected.







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## ELECTORAL AREAS EXPLAINED

### UPPER COAST (ONE TRUSTEE)

- SCRD Electoral Areas A & B and SIGD lands (6 6A, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 20A, 21, 21A, 22, 24, 25, 26 & 27)

### CENTRAL COAST (THREE TRUSTEES)

- District of Sechelt and SIGD lands (1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 28)

### LOWER COAST (THREE TRUSTEES)

- Town of Gibsons and SCRD Electoral areas D, E & F





# CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

## Pick up nomination package

Pick up your nomination package from the SCRD, Town of Gibsons, District of Sechelt or the School Board Office during the nomination period (August 30 to September 9).



## Complete and return by September 9

Complete the nomination package, including information from your two nominators, and return to the School Board Office by 4 pm on September 9.



## Review the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*

Campaign financing rules are complex. Be sure to understand your responsibilities and legal obligations.



## Prepare for your campaign

Ensure you understand the role of a school trustee and gain an awareness of regional and provincial issues in education.



## Campaign

Ensure you are familiar with signage bylaws in your area, the Ministry of Transportation signage policy, election advertising and campaign rules applicable to voting day.



# KEY DATES

Pre-campaign period

July 18 to  
September 16

Nomination period

August 30 to  
September 9

Campaign period

September 17 to  
October 15

General Election  
Day

October 15, 2022







## GET TO KNOW OUR TRUSTEES

- *Why are trustees important? Why is their work important?*
- *What drives/motivates your work as a trustee?*
- *What would you say to people considering running for trustee?*
- *What does representation for your community mean to you?*
- *What do you see as your biggest achievement as a trustee?*
- *What do you want your legacy to be?*



# RESOURCES

- SD46 Board Policies, Bylaws & Regulations: <https://sd46.bc.ca/policies>
- SD46 2019-2023 Strategic Plan: <https://sd46.bc.ca/strategic-plan/>
- SD46 Budget: <https://sd46.bc.ca/budget>
- BCSTA Trustee Elections Resources: <https://bcsta.org/resources-and-services/trustee-elections/>
- School Trustee Election Procedures: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/school-trustee-election-procedures>
- School Act: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/legislationpolicy/legislation/schoollaw/revisedstatutescontents.pdf>
- Local Elections Campaign Financing Act: <https://elections.bc.ca/docs/lecfa/guide-to-local-elections-campaign-financing-in-bc-for-candidates-and-their-financial-agents.pdf>
- Elections BC Local Guides: <https://elections.bc.ca/local-elections/forms-and-guides/local-guides/>