

SCHOOL DISTRICT 46 - SUNSHINE COAST

TRUSTEE MONTHLY REPORT

APRIL 2024



SUBMITTED BY VICE-CHAIR STACIA LEECH



BOARD ADVOCACY

The Board of Sunshine Coast School District 46 is aware of potential safety issues in the Madeira Park and Pender Harbour area. The need for road repairs in these areas has been highlighted and improvements are critical. In response to these concerns the Board has written to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure advocating for the necessary road repairs and improvements.



2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

At the March 2024 Regular Board meeting we passed the final version of next years school calendar. You can view the final version on the SD46 website: [2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Strategic Plan Writing Team, including parents, educators, principals and vice principal's, management staff and union representatives has been gathering to review the large volume of data and feedback collected from strategic plan forums, surveys and consultations. The volume of data reflects our education community's interest in the next plan. There are two days left for this team, April 11 and 18. Following that a draft plan will be created from this effort. We are so grateful to all those who have contributed their time for this important work.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION PROVINCIAL ADVOCACY

Sunshine Coast School District 46 is a member of the BCSTA and through our membership we participate in Provincial advocacy initiatives, some recent accomplishments include:

- Increased operational costs to districts
- CommunityLINK and Equity of Opportunity funding
- Funding for portables
- Capital cost sharing
- Meeting CleanBC goals
- Clarity on SOGI



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TRUSTEES

On Saturday March 9, Trustees and senior staff from SD46 (Sunshine Coast), SD47 (qathet) and SD48 (Sea to Sky) gathered to spend the day together learning at a BCSTA Leadership Series workshop. We listened and engaged with members of the First Nations Education Steering Committee, the BC Representative for Children and Youth – Dr. Jennifer Charlesworth, and members of the BCSTA Board of Directors. It was well worth the investment of time and an excellent opportunity for building relationships with our closest school district neighbours.

Budget



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We recently reviewed enrolment projections for the 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 school years and noted that:

- Enrolment is the biggest component of funding
- There has been a steady but gradual increase in enrolment overall

School-age enrolment for 2023/24 was 3,469
Estimates for 2024/25 is between 3,480 and 3,541

SD46 Student Trustee Report

Check out Student Trustee Cael Read's March Board Meeting report to stay up to date with Sunshine Coast Secondary School activities.

[March 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda](#)



Capital Allocation from Ministry of Education and Childcare

We received good news over the spring break, Sunshine Coast SD46 has been approved for healthy Capital allocation funding, including:

- **SIX NEW 72-PASSENGER BUSES, WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED FOR ZETF FUNDING TO BE ELECTRIC UNITS**
- **REPLACEMENT OF OUR EXISTING ACCESSIBLE 24 PASSENGER BUS**
- **A NEW, ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND FOR DAVIS BAY ELEMENTARY**
- **FLOORING RENEWAL AND ASBESTOS REMEDIATION AT CEDAR GROVE**
- **\$200K IN FUNDING TO RETROFIT EXISTING BATHROOMS TO MAKE THEM GENDER INCLUSIVE AND IMPROVE SAFETY FOR ALL STUDENTS**

