

Parent Concerns:

PAN asks: “What do the three main political parties’ platforms say about the public education issues raised by our Declaration in Defence of Public Education?”

We’ve highlighted their stated commitments (future actions) from their platforms.

Get informed. Ask questions. Get out and vote on May 9th.

Party with Platform Links → <u>Issue</u>	<u>BC Green Party</u> https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/greenpartybc/pages/2300/attachments/original/1493054476/2017-platform-bcgreenparty-print.pdf?1493054476	<u>BC Liberal Party</u> https://www.bcliberals.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2017-Platform.pdf	<u>BC New Democratic Party</u> https://action.bcndp.ca/page/-/bcndp/docs/BC-NDP-Platform-2017.pdf
Seismic	Revisit the current capital investment plan and determine whether the current plan meets the priorities of the BC Greens, including those for construction of new schools, seismic upgrading, investment in long term care beds and affordable housing. (page 70-71)	Complete the Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP) for BC schools to support student safety. Create a new Richmond Project Office, to build and upgrade schools in Richmond over the next three years. (page 79)	We will accelerate the seismic upgrade program for BC, making schools safer for our kids should an earthquake happen during school hours. (page 38) We will make our schools safe by accelerating critical seismic upgrades. (page 53)
Portables	Nothing specifically mentioned	Nothing specifically mentioned	We will replace Surrey portables with real classrooms, building new schools in BC’s fastest growing region. (page 38) We will get students out of portables and into classrooms by building new schools in Surrey, Coquitlam and other fast-growing communities. (page 53)

<p>Deferred Maintenance</p>	<p>Nothing specifically mentioned</p>	<p>Nothing specifically mentioned</p>	<p>Nothing specifically mentioned</p> <p>We will invest in energy efficiency and lighting upgrades for our schools, reducing power consumption, improving the quality of light and learning, and we'll put the savings right back into the school system. (page 38)</p>
<p>New School Construction</p>	<p>Revisit the current capital investment plan and determine whether the current plan meets the priorities of the BC Greens, including those for construction of new schools, seismic upgrading, investment in long term care beds and affordable housing. (pages 70-71)</p>	<p>Invest over \$2 billion in capital spending over the next three years for schools, including addressing significant enrolment growth in Surrey with \$217 million for up to 5,200 new student seats. (page 79)</p> <p>Ensure all new elementary schools get a publicly funded playground. (page 81)</p>	<p>We will replace Surrey portables with real classrooms, building new schools in BC's fastest growing region.</p> <p>We will work with local governments, First Nations and communities to build and upgrade schools in every region of British Columbia. (page 38)</p> <p>We will get students out of portables and into classrooms by building new schools in Surrey, Coquitlam and other fast-growing communities. (page 53)</p> <p>We will create an ongoing capital fund for school playgrounds. (page 37)</p>

<p>Sufficient Operational Funding (funds for resources, supplies etc.)</p>	<p>Increase funding for schools, beginning in 2017/18 at \$220 million and rising to \$1.46 billion in 2020/21, to allow schools and school districts to invest in every child and prepare students for the 21st century economy, and to invest in innovation and technology. This is in addition to the \$330 million committed by the BC Liberals to address the recent court ruling on class size. (page 12)</p>	<p>Maintaining the B.C. Back-to-School Tax Credit, a \$250 per child non-refundable tax credit for parents of school age children to help with the cost of purchasing school supplies (page 55)</p>	<p>We'll properly fund classrooms and school equipment (page IV)</p> <p>We will deliver stability and proper funding (page 37)</p> <p>We will provide \$30 million per year to our school system to ensure that kids have the school supplies that they need to succeed. (page 37)</p>
<p>Adequate Funding for the New Curriculum</p>	<p>Invest \$140 million over three years to train teachers to deliver the new curriculum. (page 12)</p> <p>Special attention will be paid to increasing the number of Indigenous teachers and to incorporating more content on Indigenous culture into the curriculum (page 12)</p>	<p>Nothing specifically mentioned</p>	<p>We will work with school districts to successfully implement BC's new school curriculum and provide new technology, lab equipment, learning material and professional development support for teachers. (page 37)</p>
<p>Restoration of Fine Arts programming</p>	<p>Nothing specifically mentioned</p>	<p>Nothing specifically mentioned</p>	<p>Nothing specifically mentioned</p>
<p>Funding for the Supreme Court ruling</p>	<p>Nothing specifically mentioned but as ruling government, they would have to comply</p>	<p>Implement the March 2017 agreement with the BC Teachers' Federation on class size and composition. (page 82)</p>	<p>Nothing specifically mentioned but as ruling government, they would have to comply</p>

<p>Address Nutritional & Social-Emotional Needs of Children Living in Poverty</p>	<p>Direct \$35 million into nutrition and physical activity programs to promote learning readiness, and improve student health. (page 12)</p>	<p>Nothing specifically mentioned</p>	<p>Develop and implement a comprehensive poverty reduction plan (page V)</p> <p>It's time for a poverty reduction plan with legislated targets and timelines so we can get kids and families out of poverty and on the path to success. (page 40)</p>
<p>Review of Per Pupil Funding Model</p>	<p>Review the funding model for the K-12 education system with a view to ensuring equitable access for students. This will address targeting funding to schools with the greatest need and increasing local autonomy regarding funding priorities and distribution. (page 13)</p>	<p>Reviewing the funding formula for school districts (page 7)</p> <p>Undertake a full educational funding review to ensure rural and fast-growing school districts have the resources they need to educate their students. (page 79)</p> <p>Provide \$228 million to fund enrolment growth across the fiscal plan period (page 81)</p> <p>Continue to support parental choice in education – Today's BC Liberals will not change the independent school funding formula. (page 81)</p>	<p>It is time to examine our school funding formula to ensure it meets the needs of children and communities. A BC NDP government is committed to a comprehensive review of BC's current K-12 funding formula to move BC's school system to a better, stable and sustainable model for investing in education. (page 37)</p>