



September 2nd, 2020

Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Education
Room 124, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C. V1V 1X4

RE: Allocation of federal funding to help support the safe reopening of schools

Dear Minister Fleming,

I am writing to you today to seek greater clarity on how your government intends to allocate the \$242.36 million in federal funding announced on August 26, 2020, to help safely reopen schools.

Given that students are set to return to classrooms on September 10, British Columbians are increasingly worried that your government will either not utilize this funding in time, or will improperly allocate the funding and resources away from it's intended purpose: to protect the health and safety of our students and teachers.

As such, we are requesting that your office provide accurate and detailed responses to the following questions:

1. How does your government intend to distribute this federal funding amongst our province's 60 school districts and the 131 schools who operate under the First Nations Schools Association, and on what timeline?
2. Does your government intend to allocate any of this funding towards anything other than increasing additional health and safety practices in classrooms, such as support for adapted learning spaces, improved air ventilation, increased hand sanitation and hygiene, and purchases of personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies?
3. Will your government use this funding on hard infrastructure to ensure that every classroom is equipped with proper handwashing stations?



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4. Given this influx of funding to help support health and safety measures in classrooms, will your government commit to reversing the \$12 million in cuts your government made to Independent Distributed Learning (IDL) school budgets in May of this year?

I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

Dan Davies
MLA, Peace River North
Official Opposition Critic for Education