



British Columbia
School Trustees
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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING: December 2, 2022

AGENDA ITEM 8.1: Inflation and Cost Escalation

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Education of SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63 (SAANICH) and
Board of Education of SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71 (COMOX VALLEY)

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education and Childcare to provide emergency funding adjustments to February budgets in order to address inflationary cost pressures on districts.

Rationale:

This motion is emergent as pressures on district budgets is significant. Boards of Education will commence developing their 2023/24 budgets in early 2023 and it is critical that inflationary funding rate adjustments are in place as soon as possible.

This motion is needed as school districts find it difficult to continue offering full programs to students due to cost pressures. When the provincial government and BC Ministry of Education and Child Care allocate the funding to school districts, they need to include increases for the inflationary costs that are impacting the delivery of services, programs, and support to students. If the Ministry wants school districts to fulfill the Ministry's mandate, then the Ministry needs to fully fund education given the current inflationary climate.

Reference:

This is an action motion and does not change or contradict any existing Foundational or Policy Statement.

This motion relates to Policy Statement 8.1.5P (Inflation)