



Representing the  
Teachers of Saanich

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Tim Dunford  
Board of Education Chair  
School District 63 (Saanich)

Dear Tim Dunford,

Subject: Timelines for the Public Budget Meeting for the 2024-2025 budget

At the Association's November Executive Committee meeting, the following motion was passed.

That the Association requests that the District reconsider the timelines for the Public Budget Meeting to allow for public feedback sooner in the process.

The Association has a few concerns with the annual Public Budget Meeting. This specific request addresses our concern regarding the timing of the meeting. It is our desire that the Public Budget Meeting occur sooner in the budgeting process to allow for public feedback sooner in the process. Last year, the Public Budget Meeting occurred 2.5 weeks before the final budget was approved for the 2023-2024 school year.

It is our hope that the Public Budget Meeting will occur before Spring Break to allow for a more thorough discussion on the feedback provided by the Public Budget Meeting. Our concern is that the current timing of the meeting only provides feedback on the specific budget plan already developed and the timing provides little opportunity for the feedback to influence changes in the proposed budget.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Don Peterson'.

Don Peterson  
President

