

**NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
ACTION SHEET**

DATE: July 6, 2022  
TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Scott Saywell, Superintendent  
SUBJECT: Environmental Sustainability Action Plan

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### **Recommendation**

***That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) recommends that staff make the attached draft Environmental Sustainability Action Plan available to the public for consultation immediately, as per Policy 2.17 Public Participation, and to report back in September with public feedback and any proposed changes.***

### **Background**

The third goal of the Board's strategic plan is to be a leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability. Pursuant to that goal the Board approved the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Advisory Committee (the "Committee"). Since that time the Committee has been working on the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan ("ESAP" or the "Plan"). Attached to this Action Sheet is the draft [ESAP](#).

### **Discussion**

Significant consultation with a variety of stakeholders led to the Plan as presented. It should be noted that student voice played a large part in its drafting.

The highlights of the draft Plan include operational, education and reconciliation focuses. The Plan outlines a number of initiatives already in progress as well as goals moving forward. The Plan will provide the public a single document to understand the District's commitment and actions with respect to sustainability as well as provide the Board and the broader community the opportunity to review progress. Finally, the Plan should serve to focus resources both within departments (e.g. AFG, local capital, Learning Services etc.) as well as to highlight to the Board where additional resources may be allocated if available.

It should be noted that the actions of the District with respect to sustainability since the inception of the Board's strategic plan have been significant. Nevertheless, the Plan provides a focused framework to move forward and continue the momentum.

If the Board passes the recommend motion the community will have the summer and into September to provide feedback with the intention of the Plan being brought back to the Board in September for adoption, adoption with changes (if minor) or to be sent back to the Committee for further consideration if required.

**Appendix A:** Draft Environmental Sustainability Action Plan