

NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
ACTION SHEET

DATE: September 28, 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) adopt the attached draft Environmental Sustainability Action Plan.***

### Background

As you are aware, the third goal of the Board's strategic plan is to be a leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability. At the July 6, 2022, Special Board meeting the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Advisory Committee (the "Committee") presented the draft Environmental Sustainability Action Plan ("ESAP" or the "Plan") for consideration. The Board then passed the following motion:

***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.***

Attached to this Action Sheet is the draft [ESAP](#).

### Discussion

Significant consultation with a variety of stakeholders led to the Plan as presented.

### Community Engagement Plan

Utilized the community engagement webpage and included background information with instructions on how to participate during the consultation period: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/board/community-engagement/>

Information on the community engagement period was:

- Emailed to all district staff via district email;
- Emailed to all families via School Messenger platform;
- Posted in district news; and
- Shared on social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram)

The consultation period began on July 7, 2022. The community had until August 31, 2022 to provide feedback by emailing [consultation@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:consultation@sd68.bc.ca)

### Timeline

- Thursday, July 7, 2022
  - Email to staff and families
  - Social media posts
- Monday, July 25, 2022
  - Reminder email to staff and families
  - Social media posts

### Messaging

*Email to staff and families:*

#### July 7 message:

The Board has begun a consultation period on the [DRAFT Environmental Stewardship Action Plan](#).

The Environmental Stewardship Action Plan (ESAP) will operationalize the Board's Strategic goal of being a leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability and will impact all areas of the district from teaching and learning to reconciliation to infrastructure.

Please take a moment to read through the plan. Feedback will be welcome until August 31, 2022 via email [consultation@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:consultation@sd68.bc.ca)

#### July 25 message:

The Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools' Board of Education is seeking feedback on the following:

- Environmental Sustainability Action Plan;
- Long Range Facilities Plan: Ladysmith and North Oyster capacity and seismic issues; and
- Draft policies 2.5 (Board committees representation and annual workplan) and Draft policy 2.6 (Board meeting procedures).

Background information and instructions on how you can participate can be found on the district's [community engagement webpage](#).

*Social media:*

Facebook/Instagram

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#### Twitter

It's time to provide feedback on the Environmental Stewardship Action Plan, seismic issues in Ladysmith and North Oyster as well as two draft policies (2.5 & 2.6). Background info and how to participate can be found at <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/board/community-engagement/>

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

**Appendix B:** Consultation Feedback

