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Greg Keller, Chair Board of Education School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladymith) Email: greg.keller@sd68.bc.ca

Dear Greg Keller:

Thank you for your email of January 20, 2023, regarding your support for the seismic replacement and expansion of Nanaimo District Secondary School (NDSS).

Addressing student safety and enrolment pressures are top priorities for the Ministry of Education and Child Care. It is understood that NDSS is the number one priority under the seismic and replacement programs in the District's 2023/24 Five Year Capital Plan submission, which was submitted in June 2022.

The Ministry is reviewing and considering this request, alongside requests for capital funding from British Columbia's other 59 public school districts, with the outcome of the process becoming known following the release of Budget 2023.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Rachna Singh Minister