

NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING  
ACTION SHEET

DATE: April 26, 2023  
TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer  
SUBJECT: Draft Financial Planning and Reporting Policy

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**Recommendation:**

***That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopt the draft Financial Planning and Reporting Policy.***

**Background:**

On February 22, 2023, the Board of Education passed the following motion:

***That the Business Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) receive the Draft Financial Planning and Reporting Policy and circulate as a notice of motion for 30 days, utilizing the consultation process as per Board Governance, Section 1, 2.7 – Policy Development.***

This Action Sheet will show that there was not community feedback on the Policy and provide a brief reminder of the content of the Policy for the Board's final consideration.

**Discussion:**

In 2018, the Ministry of Education and Child Care appointed an independent panel to undertake a review of how public education is funded for the first time in approximately 30 years. The outcome was that the panel provide 22 recommendations, along with three themes: equity, accountability, and financial management. To understand what the recommendations would mean for students in the classroom, working groups were established in the spring of 2019 which included parents, teachers, inclusive education advocacy groups and indigenous education partners. In late October of 2019 final working group reports were provided which noted that some of the recommendations would be straightforward and others would require extensive work to ensure there would be no negative, unintended consequences for students.

**Community Engagement Plan**

Utilize the community engagement webpage and include 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 will be:

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

The consultation period began on February 23, 2023. The community will have until March 24, 2023 to provide feedback by emailing [consultation@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:consultation@sd68.bc.ca).

### Timeline

- Thursday, February 23, 2023
  - Email to families
  - District news for staff
  - Social media posts
- Thursday, March 2, 2023
  - District news for staff
- Monday, March 6, 2023
  - Reminder email to staff and families (Policy and 2023-24 Budget)
  - Social media posts

### Messaging

#### Website:

#### **Draft Financial Planning and Reporting Policy**

The Board of Education received the Draft Financial Planning and Reporting Policy on February 22, 2023 and circulated it as a notice of motion for 30 days, utilizing the consultation process as per Board Governance, Section 1, 2.7 – Policy Development. Please provide feedback via email by March 24, 2023.

#### Email to staff and families:

The Board of Education is seeking feedback on the following consultations:

- Draft Financial Planning and Reporting Policy
- 2023-24 Budget

Information on how to participate can be found on the district website.

#### Social media:

##### Facebook/Instagram

The Board of Education is seeking feedback on the Draft Financial Planning and Reporting Policy. You have until March 24, 2023, to share your thoughts. More info: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/board/community-engagement/>

##### Twitter

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#### Social image

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### Appendix:

Appendix A: Draft Financial Planning and Reporting Policy

Appendix B: February 8, 2023, Business Committee Action Sheet