



**NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC MEETING  
INFORMATION SHEET**

DATE: October 9, 2024  
TO: Business Committee  
FROM: Piet Langstraat, Interim Superintendent  
SUBJECT: Nanaimo District Secondary School and Ladysmith Intermediate School Advocacy Plan

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### **Background**

This information sheet provides information regarding a possible advocacy plan for the replacement of Nanaimo District Secondary School and a new build of Ladysmith Intermediate School.

### **Discussion**

The 2024 British Columbia general election is scheduled for October 19, 2024. Following the election, a new government will be formed and sworn in which is anticipated to occur in late November or early December 2024.

During this interim period successful MLA candidates will have limited official duties. As a result, the most optimal time to meet with incumbent MLAs will be during this period. In addition, by meeting with incumbent MLAs in late October or early November the Board of Education will have the opportunity to make known the needs of the district and have these needs forefront in the minds of MLAs early in their mandate.

Effective advocacy will require a multi-pronged approach. In addition to a presentation by the Board of Education to the incumbent MLAs, it will be critical that multiple voices are heard. To that end, it is desirable that the perspectives from such diverse groups as students, parents, teachers, educational assistants, office staff, custodians, school-based administrators, and other affected groups be part of the presentation.

The Interim Superintendent has initiated discussions with the Nanaimo District Teachers' Association and CUPE 601 to gather the voices of a diverse group of staff members. School administrators at Nanaimo District Secondary School and Ladysmith Intermediate School will be requested to provide their comments. In addition, input will be requested from the District Parent Advisory Council and the Parent Advisory Councils of the following schools:

Nanaimo District Secondary School  
Brechin Elementary  
École Hammond Bay Elementary  
École Pauline Haarer Elementary

École Quarterway Elementary  
Fairview Elementary  
Forest Park Elementary  
Gabriola Elementary  
Mountain View Elementary  
Ladysmith Primary  
Ladysmith Intermediate

Student voices will be gathered through discussions with the Nanaimo District Secondary School's student council and students at Ladysmith Intermediate School.

A compilation of the comments provided by these various groups will be created and provided to incumbent MLAs. The opportunity also exists to invite local media to interview MLAs, trustees and representatives of the groups highlighted in this plan.

