



**NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
ACTION SHEET**

DATE: June 25, 2025
TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Naomi Bailey, Board Chair
SUBJECT: Advocacy for NDSS

Recommendation

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) seek letters of support from local and regional governments, rights holders and other appropriate community partners to be written to the Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Education and Child Care and copied to local MLAs for the replacement of Nanaimo District Secondary School.

Background

This action sheet and associated motion are intended to support the Board's ongoing advocacy for the replacement of NDSS with a new school that is modern, safe and inclusive.

Discussion

For the last number of years, the Board has actively pursued the replacement of NDSS. The need for a new NDSS has been recognized widely. The challenge, however, is getting NDSS to the top of the list of government priorities in a landscape of competing interests and needs across the province with limited dollars.

This motion supports the capital plan submission prioritizing the replacement of NDSS. It aims to mobilize community partners—including the City of Nanaimo, Regional District of Nanaimo (with Gabriola representation), Snuneymuxw, Snaw'naw'as, Stz'uminus First Nations and others—to help ensure NDSS receives the attention of the appropriate ministers. It also reaffirms the Board's commitment to safe, inclusive, and modern learning environments, in line with our Strategic Plan and Long Range Facilities Plan.