

# BC'S FUTURE IS BUILT IN BC'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Let's ensure that  
public education  
is a priority in the  
provincial election.

**STAND UP!**  
FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION: TOMORROW DEPENDS ON IT.**

This May, British Columbians will decide who will govern our province over the next four years. It's critical that we elect leaders committed to a strong public education system because our future – the citizens of tomorrow – is being created in our public schools today.

## **TODAY'S YOUTH, TOMORROW'S FUTURE**

Public education matters deeply to every one of us, whether we have children in school or not. Tomorrow's workforce, across all sectors – health, government, business – is today's student population. The journey into the workforce begins with learning in elementary school, right on through to graduation. It's a journey each British Columbian has a personal stake in supporting.

**BCSTA**

British Columbia  
School Trustees  
Association

## BC PUBLIC EDUCATION: A CLASS ACT WORTH SUPPORTING

Compared with other provinces and countries around the world, British Columbia students are among the top five. We should be proud of these results – but we shouldn't stop working to improve the public education system that produced them. In keeping our standards high, BC faces significant challenges. Our students come from many diverse backgrounds; those

new to BC often need support, even as they enrich our culture. Graduation rates for our Aboriginal students are rising, but we need to grow those rates. We know that a greater emphasis on early learning will enhance later achievement – particularly for vulnerable students. We must ensure that every child can fulfill his or her potential.

## JOIN BCSTA IN STANDING UP FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION. CALL ON MLA CANDIDATES TO COMMIT TO:

### SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Boards of education face increasing complexity and diversity in communities' and students' needs. *Sustainable* funding ensures that all learners are afforded equal opportunities to succeed.

Boards need to know that they and all British Columbians can count on a commitment to public education. With sustainable and predictable funding, boards can plan over the long term for our students' – for *everyone's* – future.

After all, in the future we'll be relying on the success of today's students. Let's make sure *they* can rely on *us* now. Let's stand up for them. Let's stand up for public education.

### KEEP PUBLIC EDUCATION A TOP ELECTION PRIORITY

#### • Ask all candidates for election:

- how they will support education and ensure that BC's students continue to be among the most literate students in Canada,
- how they intend to work with boards of education to involve communities in supporting public education and improving student achievement, and
- to place education high on the election agenda and commit to increasing the province's investment in public education.

#### • Write the editor of your local paper

#### • Host/attend an all-candidates' forum

### LET'S ELECT THOSE WHO SUPPORT:

- Public education
- Achievement for all students
- Sustainable predictable funding for public education
- Commitment to invest in the students of British Columbia

Our future - our  
province - depends on  
what happens in our  
public schools today.