

DSBIA Questions to School Board Candidates

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1. What do you think are the three top issues affecting Surrey Schools today?
Inclusiveness, shortage of Teachers & Counsellors for services like Autism & mental health support in education and thirdly, shortage of funding.
2. What are your priorities if elected and how will you implement your plans.
Increase funding through collaboration between the three levels of government , hire more support staff like teacher assistant, counsellors and mental health support (and gang violence seminars), consultation between all levels of government not limited to City.
3. Surrey has too many portables. What is your plan to reduce the use of portables within SD36?
A collaborative effort where by a need assessment task force should be constituted and all stake holders for funding from all levels of government need to be involved as this issues has been lingering along for far too long. We need action on this now and not later.
4. Children need activities and programs after school. Often recreation centres are too far from residential neighbourhoods and difficult to access. Do you support the use of school facilities after hours for recreational programs and would you advocate for this if elected?
Yes, I have been very vocal about the usage of the facility and reduced after school programs. The issue of balance budget and not adding resources for our children in schools is causing a huge implication in terms of drugs, gangs and criminal activities. East Indian community in particular has been neglected in particular and the issue is now more evident than before. Parents and school system needs to work together to address the ongoing issues of surrey as whole.