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Surrey Students *NOW*

1. What do you think are the three top issues affecting Surrey Schools today?

We have three major issues in this District:

- a. Overcrowding and portables: even with the capital project funding announcements, our District is struggling to get these schools built in a timely fashion to put 7000 students into classrooms within their school buildings.
- b. Funding: we spend over \$8m annually of our students' funding to pay for portable maintenance. Surrey students also receive over \$200 less than Vancouver students.
- c. Our students feeling safe and supported: Not all of Surrey students are receiving a full and equitable access to education.

2. What are your priorities if elected and how will you implement your plans.

I will work with staff to:

- expand community use of our facilities outside of school hours as a means to safeguard our students from gang recruitment and drug activity.
- spend our budget to ensure all students, including those with special needs, have full supports.
- utilize indigenous targeted funding in consultation with community leaders.

I will work with the Province and Minister of Education to:

- hold them to account on their promise to rid Surrey of portables.
- determine and correct why Vancouver students receive \$200 more funding than Surrey students.
- have a strong voice at the BC Public Service Association table during upcoming contract negotiations.
- reduce the gap between the needs of our students and the mandatory balanced budget.

3. Surrey has too many portables. What is your plan to reduce the use of portables within SD36?

I will work with the City to ensure:

- land is set aside for future schools.
- permits for schools are expedited.
- District participation takes place at City Council meetings.
- the School Site Acquisition Charge is updated to continuously reflect market values.
- city frontage and street improvements in front of schools are paid for by the City, not the District.

I will continue to advocate and lobby the Ministry of Education and Treasury Board to build the schools they promised.

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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?

Absolutely! We need this to be across the entire District. This will support students that do not have after-school care and keep kids that are just outside of daycare needing age doing positive activity to keep them healthy, both physically and mentally. We also want to ensure new secondary schools are built as community hubs with access to public libraries and recreation centres. Our school buildings are public buildings that our tax payers pay for. We need to ensure they are open longer every day so our public can access healthy and positive activity.