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Answers for Downtown BIA

1. The top three issues are

A Not enough supports for Special Needs students

B Crowded schools with portables having become a permanent fixture

C Delays of assessments for children who need Individual Education Plans

2. My priorities are to bring in more Education Assistants, bring in more support staff, get rid of the backlogs and waiting lists for assessments, and build community schools in the neighbourhoods where our children live.

3. Portables shouldn't be a permanent fixture of Surrey schools. We need all levels of government to fund site acquisitions and building construction, and get the costs of portables out of our operating budget. This includes fixing the funding formula that pays for schools and getting the Province to increase the maximum School Site Acquisition Charges because the current amounts are not covering the costs.

4. Community Centres should be part of community schools. The Proudly Surrey plan is for the City and the School Board to work together on new school construction to create schools that are used by families and neighbours outside of school hours.