

## DSBIA Questions to School Board Candidates

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1. What do you think are the three top issues affecting Surrey Schools today?
  - a. the capital infrastructure that is required as a result of growth and a robust plan for portable reduction;
  - b. educational assistants, mental and guidance counsellors that can be assigned within an agreed formula of need;
  - c. funding parity with Vancouver students
  
2. What are your priorities if elected and how will you implement your plans.

My priorities will be based on previous response, the results of which will require advocacy efforts with our Provincial Government and open dialogue with our PACs and with the Teachers Association
  
3. Surrey has too many portables. What is your plan to reduce the use of portables within SD36?

Provincial government advocacy for a well funded plan for the catchup construction necessary as well as a more closely aligned working relationship with the City of Surrey to develop a strategy for construction readiness as development is completed. A complete community strategy
  
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 believe this is paramount. I would be a strong advocate for this and I'm inclined to go even further as after-school care as well. These are important and critical hours that would be well served with positive activities.. A joint school/city partnership should be reviewed and advanced.