

## DSBIA Questions to School Board Candidates

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1. What do you think are the three top issues affecting Surrey Schools today?
  - Not enough teachers & education assistance for the students with Disabilities & special needs
  - Upgrades to the older school , adding more classrooms & make them Asbestos & Lead free
  - We need more community schools
2. What are your priorities if elected and how will you implement your plans.
  - We want to be out of the BCPSEA so that we can directly negotiate the wages & the benefits with BCTF so that it will help to accelerate the teachers hiring & with CUPE for education assistance for the students with Disabilities & special need.
  - We want to do the upgrades to the older schools so that we can add more classrooms & make the schools Asbestos & Lead free. With these upgrades it will also help to get rid of the portables
  - We want to open more community schools so that provincial government & City of Surrey can provide the funding too & also these community schools will be used as recreational centres after the school hours
3. Surrey has too many portables. What is your plan to reduce the use of portables within SD36?
  - We strongly recommend to open more community schools so that our local City government can also provide the funding to the new schools. With all these new community schools our children will get proper classrooms.
  - We will also do the strong advocacy to the Provincial Government for the more funding for the upgrades for the older schools so that we can be able to increase more classrooms . Everybody knows Surrey is the fastest growing city of north America & the provincial government should provide the resources to accomplish these targets
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?
  - At Proudly Surrey we absolutely support to use of schools facilities after hours of recreational programs , That's why we are advocating for the community schools concept. We can also offer more programs like Physical activities after school with the help of local government so it will also help our kids to stay away from Gang Violence & Drugs