

Dear DPAC Reps, PAC Exec, and Parent community,

Thank you to all the parents who chose to stand up and speak up for students and public education. These past ten days have been challenging but our collective message has landed. By now, many of you will have seen the Minister of Education's letter confirming that the Province will cover the nearly \$9.8 million shortfall tied to the salary arbitration settlement.

This is important news, and it happened because many people pushed for a solution: parents, PACs, DPAC representatives, trustees, local MLAs, district staff, the Minister of Education, and Treasury Board.

Most importantly, Burnaby families made their voices heard.

At the same time, this funding was the Province's responsibility from the beginning. It fixes the immediate problem, but it does not undo cuts already made or solve the long-term funding pressures facing Burnaby schools.

That is why we are still moving forward with our Day of Action.

We are showing up tomorrow and advocating for stable, long-term funding and a real ongoing dialogue with the Province so that students are not repeatedly impacted by cuts, and parents are not forced into crisis mode every budget cycle.

If you are able, please join us:

Office of MLA Paul Choi
5234 Rumble Street, Burnaby

Parents and students will be there throughout the day.
Media will be present between 4 PM and 5 PM.

Thank you for continuing to stand up for public education and our children.

Burnaby DPAC