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Thank you for your email regarding the budget challenges School District No. 41 (Burnaby) is facing related to their salary arbitration settlement. I truly appreciate you taking the time to advocate for public education and your community.

The Province is pleased to be able to provide up to \$9.772 million to support wages for education professionals in Burnaby. Our government has been actively engaged on this issue with the school board and district officials since it was brought to our attention last year. The final figures to inform a funding request were provided by the School District to government on Friday, April 17, 2026.

Staff have worked hard to expedite this funding request through government processes to be able to provide certainty to the School District during their budgeting cycle. When it comes to public dollars, it is incredibly important that we always follow a comprehensive and rigorous assessment process. We expect that our support will enable School District 41 to pass their budget by the legislated date of June 30, 2026.

Our government has made public education a priority since day one, and our year-over-year investments reflect that commitment. I want to thank all Burnaby families and your local MLAs for their fierce advocacy on this and other important issues.

Thank you for continuing to stand up for public education. Our work together is what makes it possible for Burnaby students to thrive.

Sincerely,

Lisa Beare  
Minister of Education and Child Care