

# Subject: DPAC - Your child's school may look different in September. Here's why...

Dear parents and caregivers,

Your child's school may look different in September.

Burnaby schools are facing an **unfunded cost of up to \$9.4 million** after BCPSEA, the Province's bargaining agent, misapplied the teacher salary grid during collective bargaining. At this time, **no provincial funding has been confirmed**, leaving the district, and by extension the students, footing the bill.

If this is not resolved, the impact will be felt in schools next year through **reduced staff, fewer supports, and changes to student services** more drastic than what was faced last year.

Last year, Burnaby schools already made difficult cuts to stabilize finances. There is very little flexibility left.

This situation was not created by Burnaby schools, students, or families. However, without a full funding solution, **your children will be the ones impacted**. For a detailed breakdown of where cuts would have to come from and what that means for your child's classroom, please see the [DPAC Fact Sheet](#).

Burnaby serves more than **26,000 students**. Parent voices matter, and collective action can make a difference.

If you are able, please send a short message to the Province. It does not need to be perfect; it just needs to be sent.

A sample email template is attached.

Thank you for supporting Burnaby students. For more information, please visit our [website](#), where you can find our action plans and resources to support your child during these uncertain times.

Burnaby District Parent Advisory Council