# **ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This Annual Programs Funding Agreement made in duplicate and dated for reference the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

BETWEEN: Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia, represented by the Minister of Education (the "Ministry")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND: the Board of Education of School District No. 93 (Conseil Scolaire Francophone) (the "Board")

OF THE SECOND PART.

The parties agree as follows:

## 1. DEFINITIONS

1.01 In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Agreement" means the Annual Programs Funding Agreement;

"Board" or "Board of Education" means a board of school trustees constituted under the *School Act* [RSBC 1996] c. 412 and any person designated by the Board to act with respect to a provision of this Agreement;

"Business Day" means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday or Statutory Holiday, on which Provincial government offices are open for normal business in British Columbia;

"Capital Funding Grant" means a funding grant authorized by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 56.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* [RSBC1996] c. 138;

"Certificate of Approval" means the Certificate of Approval described in paragraph 3.04;

"Eligible Expenditure(s)" means those expenditure(s) areas more particularly described in paragraph 3.01;

"Event of Force Majeure" means invasion, rebellion, hostilities, sabotage, government regulations or controls, acts of God, strikes, lockouts or labour disputes that are a major disabling event or circumstance in relation to the normal operations of the party concerned as a whole that is beyond the reasonable control of the party directly affected and results in a material delay, interruption or failure by such party in carrying out its duties, covenants or obligations under this Agreement;

"Minister" means the Minister of Education, and includes the Deputy Minister of Education and any person designated by either of them to act with respect to a provision of this Agreement;

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Education of the Province of British Columbia;

"Project" means the project(s) described in paragraph 3.01;

"Schools Protection Program" means the risk management program administered and delivered by the Risk Management Branch of the Ministry of Finance in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, and includes the "Schools Protection Program Reference Manual" and all amendments and updates to the program and manual;

"Treasury Board" means the Treasury Board established under the *Financial Administration Act* [RSBC 1996] c. 138.

# 2. SCHEDULES

- 2.01 The following Schedule(s) form an integral part of this Annual Programs Funding Agreement:
  - A. Communications Protocol Agreement on Capital Projects between the Ministry of Education and School Districts

# 3. PROVINCIAL FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND OBLIGATIONS

3.01 The Ministry will provide to the Board capital funding to be used for the purposes of the following Project:

School Name	Project Description	Funding
École la Verendrye	SEP – Building Enclosure – Window replacement	\$50,000
École des Voyageurs	SEP – Building Enclosure – Window replacement	\$100,000
École Victor Brodeur Lampson Annex	SEP – Health and Safety – Lead in water mitigation	\$150,000
École du Bois Joli	SEP – Health and Safety – Roof repair	\$250,000
	TOTAL	\$550,000

- 3.02 The Ministry will, in no event, provide more than the amount listed above.
- 3.03 The Ministry will provide the capital funding in paragraph 3.01 in the form of a Capital Funding Grant.

- 3.04 Payment of a Capital Funding Grant is subject to the Ministry issuing a Certificate of Approval for the Project in paragraph 3.01 in accordance with Treasury Board policies and directives and to the following conditions:
  - a) in no case may the Board make a draw against funds available under a Certificate of Approval, unless the draw is reimbursement for Eligible Expenditure(s) properly incurred by the Board in connection with the Project;
  - b) the Ministry may modify or withhold a Capital Funding Grant and applicable Certificate of Approval, or any portion thereof, in the event the Board fails to observe, perform and comply with any provision of this Agreement or if, in the opinion of the Ministry, there has been a material change in the Project;
  - c) the Board will comply with all applicable policies and directives of the Treasury Board respecting Capital Funding Grants.
- 3.05 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the payment of funds by the Ministry to the Board, pursuant to this Agreement, is subject to the provisions of the *Financial Administration Act* ("the Act"), which makes that payment obligation subject to:
  - a) there being sufficient monies available in an appropriation, as defined in the Act, to enable the Ministry, in any fiscal year or part thereof when any payment of money by the Ministry to the Board falls due pursuant to this Agreement, to make that payment;
  - b) Treasury Board, as defined in the Act, not having controlled or limited, pursuant to the Act, expenditure(s) under any appropriation referred to in this subparagraph a).

# 4. BOARD OBLIGATIONS

- 4.01 The Board will:
  - a) carry out the Project in a manner that ensures:
    - i) cost-effective delivery;
    - ii) delivery within budget;
    - iii) completion by March 31, 2019;
    - iv) scope details are fully met upon completion.
  - b) comply with all policies and best practices related to Capital Project Procurement, as documented in the Capital Asset Management Framework and Capital Procurement Checklist published by the Ministry of Finance;
  - c) procure the Project in accordance with the Capital Asset Management Framework;

- d) include in any contracts all standard insurance and indemnification clauses required by the Schools Protection Program;
- e) all communication related to the Capital Project conforms to the "Communications Protocol Agreement on Capital Projects between the Ministry of Education and School Districts" (provided as Schedule A). Note this protocol may be amended from time to time by the Ministry, with the most current version of the protocol being used.
- 4.02 Provide written notice to the Ministry of Education immediately upon completion of each Project. (Note: the Ministry will be following up with school districts regarding delayed and/or incomplete projects in early January, at which time the Ministry may choose to re-profile associated funds elsewhere pending status of the Project).
- 4.03 At the request of the Ministry, prepare additional reports relating to the Project.
- 4.04 Notify the Ministry immediately, in writing, should any Event of Force Majeure arise that could materially affect the scope, costs or schedule of the Project.
- 4.05 Indemnify and save harmless the Province of British Columbia and its employees and agents from and against any losses, claims, damages, actions, causes of action, costs and expenses that the Province of British Columbia or any of its employees or agents may sustain, incur, suffer or be put to at any time, either before or after this agreement ends, which are based upon, arise out of or occur, directly or indirectly, by reason of, any act or omission by the Board or by any of its agents, employees, officers, directors, or contractors with respect to the Project.
- 4.06 Purchase school buses through the Request for Standing Offer (RFSO) arranged by the Association of School Transportation Services of BC (ASTSBC).
- 4.07 Reserve two (2) percent of the Total Funding amount provided under the Bus Acquisition Program in paragraph 3.01 as fee payment for ASTSBC's administration services. The ASTSBC will invoice the Board once buses have been ordered. This fee is included in the Capital Funding Grant and is not an additional cost to the Board.

# 5. EVENT OF FORCE MAJEURE

- 5.01 In the Event of Force Majeure:
  - a) the Board will immediately notify the Ministry, in writing, describing the Event of Force Majeure.
  - b) within five (5) Business Days of being notified of the Event of Force Majeure, the Ministry will communicate with the Board to explore what steps are to be taken to mitigate the Event of Force Majeure, determine an appropriate course of action, and establish an estimated cost related to the Event of Force Majeure.

- c) the course of action must be agreed to by the Ministry and the Board.
- d) either party may request the assistance of an independent cost consultant appointed by mutual agreement of the parties.
- e) the Ministry will not approve any expenditure(s) incurred prior to the agreed course of action unless the costs were demonstrably incurred for the preservation of life and/or safety.

## 6. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.01 Any public announcement relating to the Project will be in accordance with the "Communications Protocol Agreement on Capital Projects between the Ministry of Education and School Districts" (provided as Schedule A).

## 7. NOTICE

- 7.01 Any notice or communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement will be in writing and will be considered to have been sufficiently given if delivered by hand or electronic transmission to the physical address or electronic mail address of each party set out below:
  - a) if to the Board:

School District No. 93 (Conseil Scolaire Francophone) 100-13511 Commerce Pky Richmond, BC, V6V 2J8 Attention: Sylvain Allison Email: sylvain\_allison@csf.bc.ca

b) if to the Ministry:

Ministry of Education PO Box 9151 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC, V8W 9H1 Attention: Damien Crowell Email: Damien.Crowell@gov.bc.ca

- 7.02 Any such notice or communication will be considered to have been received:
  - a) if delivered by hand during business hours (and in any event, at or before 4:00pm local time in the place of receipt) on a Business Day, upon receipt by a responsible representative of the receiver, and if not delivered during business hours, upon the commencement of business hours on the next Business Day;
  - b) if sent by electronic transmission during business hours (and in any event, at or before
    4:00pm local time in the place of receipt) on a Business Day, upon receipt by a

responsible representative of the receiver, and if not delivered during business hours, upon the commencement of business hours on the next Business Day, provided that:

- the receiving party has, by electronic transmission or by hand delivery, acknowledged to the notifying party that it has received such notice; or
- ii) within twenty-four (24) hours after sending the notice, the notifying party has also sent a copy of such notice to the receiving party by hand delivery.
- 7.03 Delivery by mail will not be considered timely notice under this Agreement.
- 7.04 In the event a contact name changes for either the Ministry or for the Board, then parties must be notified within five (5) Business Days.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement, in duplicate, as of the day and year

first above written.	
SIGNED on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia by a duly authorized designate of the Minister of Education	) ) )
	Authorized Signatory (For the Minister of Education)
	Name (Print)
	Title
	Date Signed (Month/Day/Year)
SIGNED on behalf of <b>the Board</b> of Education of School District No. 93 (Conseil Scolaire Francophone) by its duly authorized signatories	) ) )

Authorized Signatory (Secretary Treasurer)

Name (Print)

Date Signed (Month/Day/Year)

# SCHEDULE A

# COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL AGREEMENT ON CAPITAL PROJECTS BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

## PROJECT AGREEMENT STAGE

## **News Release**

After the Minister signs a funding agreement with the school district for a capital project the Ministry of Education may issue a news release. In all such news releases, the school district may have a quote from a designated representative.

## Signage

All construction projects approved in the Ministry of Education's Capital Plan must be identified by a construction sign prominently displayed at the site. Signs must conform to Government of B.C.'s Infrastructure Sign Specifications and be produced by Government Communications and Public Engagement (GCPE) graphics department. In addition to the BC logo, school districts and other funding partners will be identified with their logos on signage. They are to be installed as soon as possible after announcement of the project, and amended to include the amount of investment and date of completion after award of the construction contract and preferably before the start of work. The signs are to remain on the site until the work is completed and after any completion ceremonies where applicable. A digital picture of the sign is to be sent to GCPE after it has been installed. Cost of the sign is to be funded from the approved construction budget. School districts are responsible for installing the signs. Sign design and installation steps are included in the Ministry of Education's School Construction Project Sign Protocol.

## **GROUNDBREAKING STAGE**

## Public Announcements, Official Events or Ceremonies

An official ceremony may be held to commemorate the ground-breaking for a project. No public announcement of a project under this protocol shall be made by either party without the prior consent of the other party.

The Ministry of Education shall receive **at least four (4) weeks' notice** of any proposed public announcement or official ceremony related to the ground-breaking for a capital project. The Provincial Minister or designated representative shall participate in such announcements or ceremonies, to take place at a mutually agreed upon date and location.

The parties shall co-operate in the organization of announcements or ceremonies. Messages and public statements for such events should be mutually agreed upon.

## **News Release**

On the day of a ground-breaking ceremony the Ministry of Education may issue a news release. In all such news releases, the school district may have a quote from a designated representative.

## **OFFICIAL OPENING STAGE**

## Public Announcements, Official Events or Ceremonies

A ceremony may be held to commemorate the official opening of a project. No public announcement of a project under this protocol shall be made by either party without the prior consent of the other party.

The Ministry of Education shall receive **at least six (6) weeks' notice** of any proposed public announcement or official ceremony related to the opening of a capital project. The Provincial Minister or designated representative shall participate in such announcements or ceremonies, to take place at a mutually agreed date and location.

The parties shall co-operate in the organization of announcements or ceremonies. Messages and public statements for such events should be mutually agreed upon.

## **News Release**

**On the day of an official opening ceremony**, the Ministry of Education may issue a news release. In all such news releases, the school district may have a quote from a designated representative.

## Plaques

The Ministry of Education may request the district provide and install, upon completion of major capital projects, a plaque bearing an appropriate inscription. The design, wording and specifications of such plaques must be approved by the Ministry of Education. Cost of the plaque is to be funded from the approved construction budget.

# SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SIGN PROTOCOL

All construction projects approved in the Ministry of Education's Capital Plan must be identified by a construction sign prominently displayed at the site. Signs must conform to Government of B.C.'s Infrastructure Sign Specifications and be produced by Government Communications and Public Engagement (GCPE) graphics department. In addition to the BC logo, school districts and other funding partners will be identified with their logos on signage. Sign production must only be handled by Queens Printer.

Signs are to be installed as soon as possible after announcement of the project, and amended to include the amount of investment and date of completion after award of the construction contract and preferably before the start of work. The signs are to remain on the site until the work is completed and after any completion ceremonies where applicable.

A digital picture of the sign is to be sent to GCPE after it has been installed. Cost of the sign is to be funded from the approved construction budget. These are the standard small sign size: 1951 mm x 1220 mm (C035\_u\_1951x1220). The school districts are responsible for installing the signs.

The steps from design to installation are as follows:

- 1. Project is announced;
- 2. Government Communications and Public Engagement (GCPE) will have their graphics department create a construction sign;
- 3. The GCPE graphics department will create and send the approved file to Queens Printer for print production;
- 4. Queens Printer will notified GCPE when the sign is ready;
- 5. GCPE will notify the district when the sign is ready to be ordered and provide them with the online requisition form: http://brokerage.qp.gov.bc.ca/submit-print/print-form.aspx ;
- 6. The school district orders, pays and arranges for the sign to be installed. (signs are to be post mounted in a visible location);
- 7. District will notify GCPE when the sign is installed and send photo as confirmation.