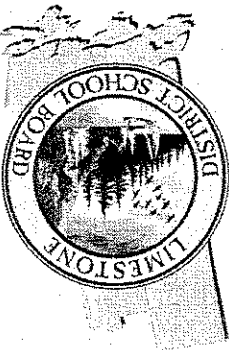


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MEMO

TO: Darlene Scarlett
Principal KCVI

RE: Information Requested

Please find attached the information and reports that you requested regarding school renewal needs at KCVI. I have identified and printed the KCVI information from the Ministry website to try to make it easier for your review. The report form also provides a listing of the priority rating for each event (project) along with the projected costs to complete the work.

I look forward to attending your meeting on October 14th.

Thank you.

Glen Carson
Manager Facility Services

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KCVI

The LDSB has 55 elementary schools and 11 secondary schools with an overall total square footage of 3,100,000. KCVI has 179,162 sq. ft., which is included in the total inventory. The LDSB receives an annual allocation for the purpose of completing School Renewal projects throughout the district. In 2008-09, our School Renewal allocation is \$3,722,000. In 2003-04, the allocation was \$3,937,000. The grant has declined by 5.5% and during this same period resident day school enrollment has declined by 9.3% (approximately 2,000 pupils). The Ministry benchmark for School Renewal costs has increased by a total of only 2% during this five-year period. Construction costs over the same period have increased by some 20%.

The Ministry audited all schools throughout the province in 2003-04 in order to assess the condition of all schools and to set up a program to track the condition of each building going forward. The program is called ReCAPP (Renewal Capital Planning Process). The Ministry's program identifies on an annual basis all building systems that have reached or surpassed their useful life cycle. ReCAPP indicates that the LDSB would presently require approximately \$200,000,000 in building renewal funding to meet the present backlog and every year the backlog continues to grow. (See Appendix A - ReCAPP Graph)

The LDSB portfolio shows continued signs of aging with a great number of the facilities being over 40 years of age. The largest percentage (sq. ft.) of the LDSB schools in use today was constructed between 1958 and 1962. The provincial average age of all facilities in the province is 1965. This equates to LDSB having a higher than average percentage of older facilities, which requires more renewal funding to cover the expected higher number of capital renewal events. The failure rate in existing building components has now reached a high level of urgency and necessitated diverting some of the budget used to complete Small Capital projects to the day-to-day emergency repairs budget.

The ReCAPP data for KCVI is attached as Appendix B.

The Jacques Whitford Consultants' report (attached as Appendix C) completed in January 2007 is a complete review of building conditions for KCVI including approximate cost of options to complete the required building renewal. I would suggest that the current costs would be 5 to 10% higher due to recent increases in construction costs. The added cost of dealing with hazardous materials or substances to meet present regulations has not been included in any of the reports (i.e. ReCAPP and/or Jacques Whitford).