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## MINOR CAPITAL FUNDING BRINGS MAJOR UPGRADES TO SD62 SCHOOLS

**LANGFORD** – More than \$2.5 million is coming for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), roofing and structural upgrades, and a new school bus in the Sooke School District, thanks to the provincial government's annual funding for capital projects.

"This annual funding provides opportunities for improvements to our schools and we're very thankful for that," says Ravi Parmar, Chairperson SD62. "The advocacy from the Board of Education is ongoing as we strive to maintain our facilities to a high standard while continuing to build new schools and create cost-effective plans that protect and revitalize the billions of dollars in assets we have in our school district."

Approved Minor capital projects include:

- More than \$1 million for building envelope and roofing upgrades, Hans Helgesen Elementary
- \$1 million for HVAC upgrades, Spencer Middle School
- \$350,000 for boiler upgrades, David Cameron Elementary School
- \$141,841 for a new school bus

Each year school districts in the province submit an annual five-year capital plan, to the Ministry of Education. The capital plan includes major projects (new schools, seismic, replacement and building envelope) as well as minor projects (school enhancements, carbon neutral, playgrounds and bus acquisitions).

The long-range facilities plan for SD62 is updated and refined on a bi-annual basis, ensuring that building and maintenance priorities are always current.

The SD62 Board of Education will discuss and debate a new capital plan during its monthly board meeting on June 22.

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Visit the <u>District Growth</u> page of our website to find out more about our Long Range Facilities Plan and current capital projects.

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