

School District No. 40 (New Westminster)

Date:	November 19, 2019
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Item:	Requiring Action Yes X No For Information
Subject:	Modelling of Funding Model Review Recommendations

Background:

At the 2018 BCSTA AGM the following motion was passed by membership. "That the BCSTA request that the Education Minister require the Independent Panel of the Funding Model Review hold additional consultation for boards of education, parents and students, and that education partners be given an opportunity to consider the impact of the proposed new funding model and provide further feedback before the model goes into effect."

We now have the reports from the Funding Model Review working groups and Boards of Education still have more questions than answers. Boards of Education want the ability to model and/or pilot the formula and provide any final feedback before being implemented. As co-governers, this is a fair request.

Recommendation:

That New Westminster School Board advocate to the Ministry of Education to ensure Boards of Education are provided the opportunity to model and/or pilot the new funding formula recommendations prior to implementation in order to provide feedback on the positive and negative implications of the proposed recommendations, the impact on the ability of our districts to strengthen success for all students and the ability to ensure a system that is equitable, predictable and fair for all school districts.