

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Angie Hentze
RE: Motion to Bring to BCSTA AGM
DATE: January 25, 2021

Rationale:

The BC government recognizes the vital importance of clean energy, and the CleanBC initiative outlines their plan for fighting climate change by changing “how we get around, heat our homes, and fuel our industry”. As part of this initiative, “By 2032, all new buildings constructed in B.C. will be “net-zero energy ready.” Net-zero energy ready buildings are designed to be so efficient that they could meet all or most of their own energy consumption requirements with onsite renewable energy technologies.” From their website:

Cleaner public-sector buildings

New schools

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SD61, the cost to bridge the Ministry's funding to net zero is \$2.5 million. This cost is untenable for school districts, and may require diverting funds from classrooms to capital.

This is not just a local problem. Throughout the province, districts struggle to finance climate change action. Rather than limit our advocacy to our own district, we believe BCSTA should advocate for all districts. SD61 should present this motion at the BCSTA AGM this spring.

Recommended Motion:

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