

November 13, 2025

The Honourable Bowinn Ma  
Minister of Infrastructure  
Government of British Columbia  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Ma:

**Subject: Urgent Need for Replacement of Lynnmour Elementary to Serve the Growing Lynn Creek Community**

On behalf of the Board of Education for the North Vancouver School District (NVSD), I am writing to advocate for a new school replacement for Lynnmour Elementary School. Our Board of Education would like to provide you with information that offers tangible evidence a new school building is required for this area of North Vancouver.

Lynnmour Elementary is the only school serving the Lynn Creek area, identified by the District of North Vancouver as Lynnmour North and Lynnmour South and known in the community as the Inter River and Seylynn neighbourhoods. This area is undergoing unprecedented residential growth. Most recently, on October 20, 2025, North Vancouver District council approved the Seylynn Centre project—a two-tower development adding nearly 700 new homes—that will further intensify demand on this school. While the Seylynn Centre project includes retail and childcare spaces, it does not include space for public education which significantly compound existing capacity pressures. The project, along with other approved and proposed developments in the area, will bring hundreds of additional families into the Lynn Creek neighbourhood.

The current Lynnmour School building has reached end-of-life and will not be able to meet the needs of the expanding community. Built in 1973, Lynnmour Elementary celebrated its 50th anniversary in June 2024. The facility is now listed in “poor” overall condition and does not meet current seismic standards for schools in British Columbia. Recent updates to building codes have further widened this gap, underscoring the urgency of replacing the existing structure with a safe, modern facility.

Since 2015, the NVSD has repeatedly submitted long-range capital plan requests to expand capacity at Lynnmour. The current request would expand capacity from a 20K/250-elementary students to a 60K/450 elementary student school, which does not consider the implications from the latest development projects. As of September 2025, enrolment has reached 256 students.

The NVSD’s June 2025 Five-Year Capital Plan identified Lynnmour Elementary under two key categories: (1) full school replacement and (2) seismic upgrade. Much of the current building construction includes portable classrooms that were added as temporary measures decades ago, which strengthens the business case for full replacement rather than a prefabricated addition or seismic upgrades.

With [10 additional developments approved or proposed](#) in Lynnmour North and South, and with the school's proximity to major transportation hubs like Phibbs Exchange and the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge, enrolment pressures will only increase. For example, a nearby proposed development behind the Holiday Inn and Suites includes 188 units of social and affordable housing—likely to bring many young families to the area. At the time of that proposal in 2023, Lynnmour had only 14 remaining spaces, with no capacity at all in Grades 5–7. The next closest schools, Seymour Heights and Blueridge, are already under pressure and not within walking distance.

The Lynnmour community represents one of the fastest-growing neighbourhoods in the District of North Vancouver, as clearly illustrated by the DNV's map of significant development applications. The replacement of Lynnmour Elementary is therefore not only necessary for seismic safety and facility condition reasons, but also essential for ensuring adequate educational access for current and future families. With the recent decommissioning of the adjacent North Vancouver District Fire and Rescue Services former training facility, land use spaces in this neighbourhood are changing, making this an opportune time to begin plans for reconfiguring space and design for a new, larger school at the Lynnmour Elementary School site.

We know that building a school takes time. The Board of Education strongly urges the Ministry of Infrastructure to prioritize the replacement of Lynnmour Elementary School in the next round of provincial capital funding to keep pace with the new housing getting approved and built in the District of North Vancouver to meet the provincial call to action on housing in BC municipalities.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss how we can move this critical project forward collaboratively. Thank you for your continued support for public education and for your attention to this urgent matter affecting the Lynn Creek community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Munro".

Linda Munro  
Chair, Board of Education  
North Vancouver School District (SD 44)

cc: Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care  
Susie Chant, MLA North Vancouver-Seymour  
Mike Little, Mayor, District of North Vancouver