

## **Burke Mountain Secondary School Green Initiative Q & A**

### **Why is SD43 pursuing ‘The Greenest School in Canada’?**

1. It's the right thing to do
  - As educational leaders one of the best ways of making real change is to lead by example and to educate our kids on why this is so important.
  - By teaching our kids, we have the best chance of creating real change.
2. SD43 really needs a new Gr. 6-12 school\* for Burke Mountain for 2023
  - No one wants to see an even greater number of portables at neighbourhood schools. (*\*Please Note: A grade 6-12 school is a short-term solution. The school will become a grade 9-12 secondary school when enrolment increases and funding is approved for the addition of a 6-8 middle school.*)
  - Provincial funding for this school has not yet been received.

### **Will it slow down the process of having a new school built on Burke Mountain?**

- No, the district will continue moving forward as quickly as possible with the intent of having the school open for 2023. To do this, provincial support is needed immediately.
- The level of green initiatives accomplished will be based on the amount raised toward the premium cost which is above regular provincial funding.

### **How will SD43 pay for the added premium cost of these green upgrades?**

- SD43 is actively seeking sponsorship through grants and private tax-deductible donations.

### **How will the building of a green school benefit the rest of the District?**

- A new green school create a new standard in the level of building that the district constructs.
- Expertise gained in the construction of this building can be used in other new buildings and potentially used to retrofit existing buildings.

### **Where can I get more information? How can I donate?**

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