Dear members of our school communities,

The Board of Education appreciates and recognizes your many and valuable contributions to our school communities. With that in mind, we wish to invite you to participate in the 2021-22 Budget Process.

The <u>2021-22 Budget Process – Stakeholder Consultation Guide</u>, is a comprehensive document regarding the budget process and includes the many way you can provide feedback to the Board of Education.

We invite you to share your input at our first budget meeting on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 16</u>, <u>2021</u>, in advance of staff preparing the budget. Your input can help shape the budget proposal for the Board of Education to consider in April 2021. If you would like to provide input, please email <u>budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca</u> and a staff member will be happy to guide you through the process.

New for 2021 – Virtual Meeting Procedure:

The Budget Input session will occur via ZOOM. Please be mindful of the following:

- please ensure that your name on screen is your first and last name, as it appears on your sign-up documentation.
- we advise that there be one speaker for each presentation, for a more seamless presentation.
- you will note that upon accessing the meeting, that you will not be able to control your microphone or camera. At the time of your presentation, SD43 staff will grant you access to control your microphone and camera, to ensure you can make your presentation.
- access to your camera and microphone will be removed following your presentation.

*NOTE: it would be appreciated if your camera is on for the duration of your presentation.

In addition, we welcome your attendance at any of the three stakeholder information and feedback events in April, or through email (<u>budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca</u>) or mail.

Please visit the SD43 Budget website at www.sd43.bc.ca/budget to:

- Learn about government funding and allocation;
- Learn about the SD43 budget process;
- Learn about <u>Directions 2025</u>, the School District's vision;
- Engage in the consultation by asking questions about the budget;
- Expect responses to your concerns and input; and
- Contribute ideas that align with the goals and objectives from *Directions 2025* on how to address the opportunities and challenges.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM) Board of Education

c/o Chris Nicolls, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO