

Board of Education

**MOTION TO BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

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**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to BCSTA:**

**“That the BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for the implementation of an equitable distribution of CommunityLINK and Equity of**

# **28. Funding for CommunityLINK and the Equity of Opportunity Supplement**

**Category: Education Finance**

**Motion #:** 28 : A202328

**Sponsor:** Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows:

approach.”

Since 2018, the inequitable distribution of these funds has been further exacerbated in 2020/21 by the replacement of the Supplement for Vulnerable Students with the Equity of Opportunity Supplement.

While the Vulnerable Students supplement was clearly identified as being provided in addition to CommunityLINK and attempted to create an equitable distribution of the funding, the Equity of Opportunity Supplement is noted to address “Mental health and youth in care” and is based on a flawed set of prevalence data which further exacerbates inequities between school districts.

In practical terms school districts that receive legacy high CommunityLINK allocations can provide universal meal programs to students in their schools while school districts like ours must rely on grants and community support to provide meals to the students.

**Reference(s):**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/20-21/20-21-operating-grants-manual.pdf>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/19-20/19-20-operating-grants-manual.pdf>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/resource-management/k-12-funding-and-allocation/operating-grants/k12funding-22-23>

**This is an action motion and does not change or contradict any existing Foundational or Policy Statement.**