

Education and Child Care Emergency Management Support Key Contacts

PLANNING SUPPORTS

BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA)

Help inform planning through offering district- and school-specific considerations for learning continuity, staffing, and working with community providers.

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PRESIDENT, BCSSA

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BC Association of School Business Officials (BCASBO)

Help inform planning for business and payroll continuity as well as for communications, technology, finance, and regional coordination.

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SECRETARY TREASURER SD 34 ABBOTSFORD
PRESIDENT, BCASBO

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Federation of Independent School Associations in British Columbia

Help inform planning through offering independent school-specific considerations for learning continuity, staffing, and working with community providers.

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RESPONSE AND RECOVERY SUPPORTS – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & CHILD CARE

System Liaison and Supports Division – LET US KNOW

- First point of connection between schools, districts, and the Ministry.
- Supports include:
 - Coordinating information sharing within the Ministry and identification of appropriate Ministry contact based on area of need.
 - Helping facilitate health and wellness response and recovery supports, including related to mental health.
 - Helping facilitate connections with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Regional Health Authorities, etc.

FIRST CONTACT: StudentSafety@gov.bc.ca

ONGOING: erase@gov.bc.ca

Capital Management Branch

- Infrastructure, facility, property, and education continuity supports including insurance claims, staffing, and capital (*including BC School Protection Program*).

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CAPITAL MANAGEMENT BRANCH

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Funding and Financial Accountability Branch

- Funding and reporting supports.

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FUNDING AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY BRANCH

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Student Information, Data and Educational Network Branch (SIDENS)

- Network and cell service supports.

CONTACT: Gabriel Joseph

K12 NEXT GENERATION NETWORK DIRECTOR

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SIDENS

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Child Care Division

- Support for child care providers during emergencies:
 - [Child Care Operating Funding \(CCOF\)](#) base funding may be paid when a facility is temporarily closed due to an emergency.
 - Child care facilities impacted by emergencies such as wildfires and floods may be eligible for assistance through the [ChildCareBC Maintenance Fund](#).
- Support for families during emergencies:
 - Access the [ChildCareBC Map](#) to help you find a child care provider in your area that may be able to provide temporary child care.

CONTACT: ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca

BY PHONE: For program-specific questions, contact the Ministry at 1-888-338-6622 (toll free).