

ATTACHMENT B

Letter of Support from School Board Chair to Mayor and Council



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Letter from the Board of Education
April 13, 2023

Mayor and Council
City of Nanaimo

RE: Letter of Support - Harewood Centennial Park Field Project

To Mayor Krog and City Council,

On behalf of the Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools' Board of Education (the "Board"), I share this letter of support for the City of Nanaimo's construction of all-weather turf fields at the Harewood Centennial Park next to John Barsby Secondary School.

Last night, the Board reallocated an additional \$200,000 of its local capital funding to bring the district's contribution to \$700,000 to support this initiative. These funds are intended to support the cost escalations related to the new fields. While the Board is unable to commit to additional amounts above this contribution, it is committed to reviewing this funding if additional internal funding sources become available and are necessary to complete the project.

We highly value our continued partnership with the City of Nanaimo and believe that this initiative is yet another example of our shared commitment to creating a safe, caring and inclusive space, not only for our students and staff, but the entire community. We applaud the City's efforts in making this project a reality and fully support its vision for Harewood.

This decision was made with the firm belief that it will provide tremendous benefits to our students and the wider community. The proposed all-weather turf fields will provide modern and accessible space for our students to engage in physical activity and sports. We have seen the benefit it has made in the sports corridor behind NDSS and further believe that such a facility will play a crucial role in promoting physical activity, health, and well-being among young people.

Once again, the Board would like to express its full support for the City of Nanaimo's construction of all-weather turf fields at the Harewood Centennial Park. We believe that this project will have a profoundly positive impact on our students, staff, and the wider community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Keller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Keller
Board Chair