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School seismic upgrades

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Among the goodies dished out at the provincial Liberal party convention in Whistler today, a promise by the Premier to seismically upgrade all the schools in BC that need added earthquake protection. Gordon Campbell says he's willing to spend 1.5 billion over the next 15 years to make sure all seismically at risk schools are fixed. And that's good news to Families for School Seismic Safety. The group's Doctor Tracy Monk says we don't want a disaster like they had in Italy two years ago, where half the kids in one school were wiped out by a quake, even though it was well known their school was at risk. Doctor Monk also feels 15 years is a reasonable time frame to complete all the school seismic upgrades