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British Columbia to assess schools for earthquake risk

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Vancouver — The B.C. government is investing more than \$2-million for a seismic assessment of all public schools in high-risk earthquake zones.

Education Minister Tom Christensen says it's part of a comprehensive plan to help keep students safe.

He notes last year's school capital projects budget included \$19-million for seismic upgrades.

The assessment will help identify more schools that need work, and Mr. Christensen promises further capital funding in the weeks to come.

Engineers will assess as many as 800 schools in the 39 school districts that lie within high-risk quake zones.

The assessments will be completed between June and October.