

Schools' earthquake funding

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SURREY - Funding for schools needing earthquake improvements will now be lumped in with five-year-capital plans.

School districts in the province have received notice from the Ministry of Education advising them of the change.

Previously, school districts provided separate lists for seismic improvements -- aimed at making schools safer in the event of an earthquake -- and five-year capital plans, which project the need for future schools.

Surrey trustee Laurae McNally expressed concerns about merging seismic improvements and capital projects on a single list, fearing seismic work might use provincial funding for the construction of new schools.