

Report on school earthquake upgrades delayed until spring

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A provincewide plan for upgrading B.C. schools to protect them from earthquakes will not be ready until the spring.

Education Minister Tom Christensen said yesterday his ministry has received seismic assessment reports from most school districts but needs time to allow engineers to analyze the data before producing a long-term upgrade plan. The results of the \$2-million study were originally expected this month. Christensen now expects the report on 800 B.C. schools by next spring.

Meanwhile, the Vancouver School Board has estimated the cost to upgrade its 69 most-at-risk schools could hit \$365 million. Its priorities for high schools are: Kitsilano, Killarney and Gladstone. Among elementaries, Strathcona, Secord and Quesnel top the list.

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