

Survey Response: Federation of Independent School Associations

FISA BC requests your position with respect to the current Independent School Act and its accompanying Regulations and Orders. Will your party be proposing amendments and, if so, what will be the content of these amendments?

The Green Party of BC views life-long education as the cornerstone of a strong, vibrant, and diverse society. We believe schools should take a greater role in society, offering education and associated services to their surrounding communities.

The diversity of the school system should be increased by phasing private, independent, and alternative schools and programs into the provincial funded system, without reducing the diversity and autonomy of these schools.

Does your party support a parent's right to choose an education, public or independent, that is appropriate for their children?

The diverse school system we envision would afford students a much greater choice of learning environments. We, therefore, fully support the right of all parents to choose educational settings appropriate for their children.

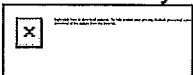
What is your position on the status of funding levels for independent schools? Will you maintain the current funding formula, or will alternative proposals be made?

Our policy regarding the funding of public education, in general, is as follows:

"The long-term goal of the Green Party of British Columbia is that public education be universal and free at every level: primary, secondary and post-secondary."

We have no policy regarding changes to the the current funding model for Independent Schools.

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