



TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY

TRUSTEE PLATFORM

KEEP LANGLEY SCHOOLS STRONG

STRONG SCHOOLS. STRONG FUTURES. STRONG LANGLEY.



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Strong Schools. Strong Futures.

A trustee team focused on strong schools that help every student learn, belong, and succeed.

97%

Langley's graduation rate, up from 93% when this Board took office and four points above the provincial rate.

DISTRICT GRADUATION RATE

5,030

New student spaces opened or approved by the Province since Sept 2024, about \$515.5M in investment.

NEW SPACES SINCE 2024

2,800

More student spaces being built right now on one shared campus, with more schools still to come.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

A strong school gives a child more than lessons. It gives them a teacher who knows their name, a safe classroom with room to learn, help on the hard days, and a clear path to whatever comes next.

Over the past several years, Langley's schools have made important progress. Graduation results are improving, new schools and classrooms have opened, and community partnerships have grown.

Langley's Board of Education has helped guide this work. Langley Strong will build on that progress and tackle the challenges that remain.

We serve one school district across two municipalities. Whether a student lives in the Township or City of Langley, our responsibility is the same: make decisions that strengthen opportunities for students and help them get the education and support they need.

**Strong students need strong staff. Strong staff need strong schools.
Strong schools need strong communities.**

And all of it needs strong and sustainable funding.

One district. One team.

The five pillars of our plan.

Langley is growing faster than almost any district in B.C. Together, our Trustee and Council teams share a goal: make Langley the most child-friendly community in the Lower Mainland. Strong schools are at the heart of that goal. We will work together, and with both municipalities and the Province, to push for the schools our growing communities need.

We will build on what is working and have the courage to change course when something needs to improve. That means listening to students, families, and staff, being honest about the challenges, and explaining our decisions. We will lead with collaboration, transparency, and accountability. We will track progress, communicate openly, and advocate strongly for our district.

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THE FIVE PILLARS OF OUR PLAN

- 01 Strong Students**
- 02 Strong Staff**
- 03 Strong Schools & Spaces**
- 04 Strong Community**
- 05 Strong & Sustainable Funding**

Our Langley Strong commitment

HELP STUDENTS LEARN AND SUCCEED

We will support student learning, plan for the schools and classrooms Langley needs, and care for the schools we already have.

SUPPORT THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE SCHOOLS STRONG

We will listen to students, staff, partner groups, rightsholders and families, and work with both municipalities and community partners, to give students and staff the support they need.

LEAD WITH CARE, CANDOUR AND ACCOUNTABILITY

We will be careful stewards of every education dollar at the Board table, be clear about process, and keep pushing for reliable provincial funding that keeps up with students' needs and Langley's growth.

Strong schools. Strong futures. Strong Langley.

STRONG STUDENTS

01

Every student has the right to learn, belong, and succeed.

Student success is about more than one measure of achievement. Langley Strong wants every student to leave our schools with academic foundations, confidence in themselves, and the ability to be engaged in and contribute to their community.

That work is showing results. Langley School District's overall graduation rate has climbed to 97%, up from 93% when this Board took office and four percentage points above the provincial rate. Graduation rates for Indigenous students rose from 80% to 87%, while rates for students with diverse abilities rose from 77% to 86%. Both are well above the provincial rates for these groups. Langley students have more paths to success than ever.

We are incredibly proud of these numbers, but there is more work to do. Some students still need extra help to reach graduation, and growing mental-health needs affect students and classrooms every day. Langley Strong will keep using evidence to understand what works, close gaps in student achievement, and put support where students need it most.

OUR GOAL

Students who are learning, thriving, and prepared for their futures.

How Langley Strong will keep students strong

- 01 Build on Langley's rising graduation rates.** Use district and provincial information to identify students who need extra help and strengthen the support that helps them graduate.
- 02 Keep strengthening the foundations in every school:** literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional skills students need to manage emotions and build healthy relationships.
- 03 Support safe, inclusive school communities** where students feel connected, respected, and supported. Keep strengthening programs for students with diverse learning and support needs.
- 04 Strengthen mental-health support.** Help students earlier and make support easier to access, building on the counsellors and clinicians added this term. Advocate for the resources students need, including more school counsellors and psychologists.
- 05 Recognize how trauma can affect learning and behaviour.** Use that understanding to guide decisions and support for students.
- 06 Work more closely with Foundry and health-care providers** to help students and families get the support they need.
- 07 Continue Supporting and Implementing the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement.** Work together with ya:yestel (Indigenous Education Council) to support reconciliation, belonging, student-centred learning and increased graduation rates.
- 08 Protect and expand different paths to success,** including choice programs, trades, career education, online learning, and alternate programs. Build on opportunities such as the Youth in Trades program (welding at KPU) and a new health-science dual credit program with KPU, where students can earn high-school and university credits. Different students take different paths; every path deserves the same standard of excellence.
- 09 Be accountable for results. Report publicly on what is working,** what needs to change, and where attention, funding, and support are needed most.

Our Langley Strong commitment

HELP EVERY STUDENT MOVE FORWARD

Support staff in using evidence to improve learning, close gaps, and help students reach graduation and prepare for what comes next.

HELP EVERY CHILD BELONG

Support welcoming schools where students have caring adults to turn to on the hard days.

PUT RESOURCES WHERE STUDENTS NEED THEM MOST

Use evidence to guide spending, and focus on what helps students succeed.

STRONG STAFF

02

Strong schools depend on exceptional people.

Teachers, support staff, administrators, and district employees make student success possible every day. None of it happens without them. Langley must remain a place where talented people want to work, grow, and stay.

That means attracting talented people and supporting the staff we already have. It means listening to the people in our classrooms and hallways. They know what students need, and their voices belong in Board decisions. It also means making their well-being and safety a priority.

How Langley Strong will keep staff strong

- 01 Make Langley a welcoming and supportive place to build a career in public education.** Continue finding ways to attract and keep talented people, building on support for new teachers and the Healthy Staff Healthy Schools program.
- 02 Push for more training opportunities.** Work with colleges, universities, and the Province to create more spaces in training programs for teachers, education assistants, early childhood educators, counsellors, psychologists, and other specialists. Build on opportunities such as tuition-free early childhood education courses for eligible Langley students through the University of the Fraser Valley.
- 03 Build workplaces where employees feel valued, respected, and supported.** Healthy, supported staff are essential to healthy schools.
- 04 Address workplace violence and safety concerns head-on.** Focus on prevention, timely support, and safe places to work and learn for staff and students.
- 05 Strengthen classroom support.** Give staff the help they need to meet students' different learning and support needs. These investments support both staff and students.
- 06 Make sure staff voices help shape Board decisions and district priorities.** The people doing the work should help shape the plan.
- 07 Support professional development in restorative approaches:** ways to build relationships, resolve conflict, take responsibility, and repair harm.

OUR GOAL

Enough skilled, experienced staff in every school, with the resources and support they need to do their jobs well.

Our Langley Strong commitment

STRONG SCHOOLS NEED STRONG STAFF

Attract talented people, push for more training opportunities, and support staff to grow and stay.

STAFF DESERVE TO FEEL SAFE AND VALUED

The people who support our children deserve to go home safe and know their work matters.

INVEST IN THE PEOPLE OUR SCHOOLS DEPEND ON

Support staff development and well-being to help build stable school teams.

STRONG SCHOOLS & SPACES

A growing Langley needs schools that keep pace.

Langley is one of the fastest-growing school districts in B.C., putting extraordinary pressure on school capacities. At the same time, existing schools need continued investment to stay safe, well maintained, and welcoming places to learn. Langley Strong will advocate for both.

We will champion new schools and additional learning space where communities are growing, and modernization to the schools that generations of Langley families have attended. We will also push for dedicated provincial funding for school portables, protecting the money meant for teaching and student support.

There has already been progress. Josette Dandurand Elementary and classroom additions at Nicomekl and Lynn Fripps opened in 2025. Two new schools on a shared campus are being built to provide another 2,800 student spaces. We will keep pushing for the next schools and classrooms Langley needs.

Since September 2024, the Langley School District has opened or secured provincial approval for 5,030 new student spaces, representing approximately \$515.5 million in provincial investment, including three new schools. To put that into perspective, that's more new student spaces than the province approved or opened over the same period in Surrey, a district nearly three times Langley's size. We will continue to advocate for more new schools and additional learning spaces.

How Langley Strong will keep schools and spaces strong

- 01 Move priority school projects forward** in Willoughby, Brookwood-Fernridge, Aldergrove and Langley City, including new schools, additions, and land for future schools.
- 02 Speak up together for Langley's schools.** Work with our Langley Strong council team and both municipalities to push for new schools, expansions, and faster provincial approvals. When we work together, we create a stronger voice to the Province.
- 03 Plan schools alongside new neighbourhoods.** Work with local and provincial governments so school planning and construction keep pace with new housing.
- 04 Plan ahead for school sites.** Work with local and provincial governments to secure land earlier, before growing neighbourhoods run out of room for schools and the costs skyrocket.
- 05 Protect funding for teaching and student support.** Push the Province to fund the purchase and placement of portables, so these costs do not take money away from students' education.
- 06 Care for the schools we already have.** Push for funding to update existing school buildings, complete renovations, and improve earthquake safety. Every student and staff member deserves a safe, welcoming school, whatever the age of the building.

OUR GOAL

The right learning spaces, in the right places, at the right time.

Our Langley Strong commitment

PLAN FOR GROWTH

Work to make sure new classrooms keep pace with new neighbourhoods.

CARE FOR EVERY SCHOOL

Continue to ensure all of our schools remain safe, maintained and welcoming learning spaces.

PROTECT CLASSROOM DOLLARS

Push for dedicated provincial funding for portables, protecting money for teaching and student support.

STRONG COMMUNITY

04

Schools are strongest when they are connected to the communities they serve.

A school is more than a place where kids learn until the bell rings. It can also be a neighbourhood gathering place, a gym, a playing field, a community meeting space, and a place for child care. Strong relationships with families, partner groups, community organizations, First Nations and municipal and provincial governments let us accomplish more together than alone.

Langley Strong's trustees and councillors will work together from day one. We will maintain and strengthen relationships with both the City of Langley and the Township of Langley, find practical solutions, and speak up together for our schools.

How Langley Strong will keep community strong

- 01 Keep building meaningful relationships** with the organizations and partners that support Langley students, staff, and families.
- 02 Maintain and strengthen both joint school district-municipal liaison committees:** one with the City of Langley and one with the Township of Langley. Meet at least three times a year through each committee to keep communication open, plan together, and follow through on shared priorities.
- 03 Work with all levels of government** to solve shared challenges and speak up together for the needs of our district.
- 04 Plan new schools as community hubs.** Work with both municipalities to plan parks, sidewalks, child care, and recreation alongside new schools, so the whole neighbourhood benefits.
- 05 Make school sites more useful for families.** Build on programs such as Active Beyond the Bell and work with partners to expand School Age Care on school grounds.
- 06 Continue to include child care in school building plans where appropriate,** so new schools are planned with the child-care spaces growing families need.

OUR GOAL

Schools connected to, and strengthened by, the communities around them.

Our Langley Strong commitment

PLAN AND WORK TOGETHER

Strengthen partnerships with both municipalities to meet the needs of students and families. One team, two tables. When Trustees and Councillors pull in the same direction, the Province listens. When they fight, kids wait.

KEEP SCHOOLS AT THE HEART OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS

Support places where children and families can learn, play, and connect all day. Child care in the morning, classrooms all day, community all evening.

MAKE SHARED SPACES COUNT

Work with partners to make good use of school buildings and grounds, helping public dollars go further.

STRONG & SUSTAINABLE FUNDING

Langley students deserve funding that reflects the realities of a growing district.

Responsible trustees do two jobs at once: they are careful stewards of every public education dollar and strong advocates for the resources students and schools need. Langley Strong will keep doing both — maintaining professional, non-partisan relationships with the Province while being clear and public about where funding falls short of what students need.

Too many supports that students and families count on depend on short-term funding from the provincial or federal governments. Settlement workers help newcomer families settle into our schools and rely on a contract that ends in 2028.

Project Black Feather, which keeps vulnerable youth out of gangs, lost its federal funding this spring; the District kept it running, and, after advocacy from the District and its partners, the funding was restored. The Affordability Fund that helped families with school costs went from \$318,000 to zero in a single year. The needs for these programs do not disappear when a contract or grant ends. Schools need reliable funding to keep providing that support.

Funding also needs to reflect the help students need every day. The district receives basic funding for students, but additional funding is tied to specific categories of need, known as designations. Not every designation qualifies for extra funding, and students without one may still need considerable support. Langley Strong will advocate for funding that reflects students' needs and the actual cost of supporting them.

How Langley Strong will keep funding strong and sustainable

- 01 Continue to advocate for predictable provincial funding** that keeps pace with inflation, actual enrolment, rising costs, and the complexity of students' support needs.
- 02 Make funding gaps clear to the public**, with evidence showing where resources fall short. Keep pushing for funding that reflects the actual cost of supporting students, including those whose needs do not qualify for additional funding.
- 03 Push for stable, long-term funding for the supports students depend on**, so successful programs do not vanish when the next grant deadline passes.
- 04 Keep budgeting transparent and responsible:** public dollars used effectively, priorities made clear, and every decision financially sustainable.
- 05 Continue offering accessible, transparent budget information**, real consultation, and the chance to ask questions before major decisions are made, not after.

OUR GOAL

Stable, fair and equitable funding that lets Langley schools plan ahead and provide the support students need.

Our Langley Strong commitment

SPEAK CLEARLY ABOUT FUNDING GAPS

Work with any government, without partisanship, and speak clearly about funding gaps. We will use evidence to show what students need, with the numbers to back it up.

KEEP SUPPORT DEPENDABLE

A student's support should not disappear because a grant expires. Kids' needs don't run on three-year funding cycles.

USE PUBLIC DOLLARS CAREFULLY & PUSH FOR PREDICTABLE FUNDING

Schools need to plan ahead so students can count on steady support. Scrambling year to year means students do not get the support they need to thrive.

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