To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned, residents of British Columbia, states that:

a) Capacity utilization thresholds of 95% for School Districts to obtain capital funding for seismic upgrades are arbitrary and unreasonably high.
b) Capacity utilization thresholds of 95% will lead to the closure of enriched learning spaces, such as art or music rooms, and/or before- and after-care rooms, which will degrade the learning experience and cause unnecessary hardship for working parents.
c) Maximum utilization rates of 85% are in line with provincial standards elsewhere in Canada and will lead to optimum learning experiences.
d) Funding for seismic upgrading should not be tied to any capacity utilization thresholds as it delays implementation of safety upgrades in all schools within a district, not only those experiencing low utilization.

Your petitioners respectfully request that the Honourable House:

i) Remove the targeted capacity utilization threshold of 95% for School Districts, to be replaced with a maximum utilization rate of 85% for School Districts, and
ii) Release seismic upgrading funds prior to completion of any enrollment adjustments necessary by a School District.

Dated, 24 day of May, 2016 .

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