

# Education and Child Care Emergency Management Support Key Contacts

## PLANNING SUPPORTS

### BC School Superintendents Association (BCSSA)

Help inform planning through offering district- and school-specific considerations for learning continuity, staffing, and working with community providers.

**CONTACT: Rohan Arul-pragasam**

SUPERINTENDENT SD 33 CHILLIWACK  
PRESIDENT, BCSSA

[Rohan\\_Arul@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:Rohan_Arul@sd33.bc.ca)

### BC Association of School Business Officials (BCASBO)

Help inform planning for business and payroll continuity as well as for communications, technology, finance, and regional coordination.

**CONTACT: Ray Velestuk**

SECRETARY TREASURER SD 34 ABBOTSFORD  
PRESIDENT, BCASBO

[Ray.Velestuk@abbyschools.ca](mailto:Ray.Velestuk@abbyschools.ca)

### Federation of Independent School Associations in British Columbia

Help inform planning through offering independent school-specific considerations for learning continuity, staffing, and working with community providers.

**CONTACT: Shawn Chisholm**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FISABC

[info@fisabc.ca](mailto:info@fisabc.ca)

## RESPONSE AND RECOVERY SUPPORTS – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & CHILD CARE

### System Liaison and Supports Division – LET US KNOW

- First point of connection between schools, districts, and the Ministry.
- Supports include:
  - Coordinating information sharing within the Ministry and identification of appropriate Ministry contact based on area of need.
  - Helping facilitate health and wellness response and recovery supports, including related to mental health.
  - Helping facilitate connections with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Regional Health Authorities, etc.

**FIRST CONTACT:** [StudentSafety@gov.bc.ca](mailto:StudentSafety@gov.bc.ca)

**ONGOING:** [erase@gov.bc.ca](mailto:erase@gov.bc.ca)

### Capital Management Branch

- Infrastructure, facility, property, and education continuity supports including insurance claims, staffing, and capital (*including BC School Protection Program*).

**CONTACT: Damien Crowell**

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT BRANCH

[Damien.Crowell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Damien.Crowell@gov.bc.ca)

### Funding and Financial Accountability Branch

- Funding and reporting supports.

**CONTACT: Caroline Ponsford**

FUNDING AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY BRANCH

[Caroline.Ponsford@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Caroline.Ponsford@gov.bc.ca)

### Student Information, Data and Educational Network Branch (SIDENS)

- Network and cell service supports.

**CONTACT: Gabriel Joseph**

K12 NEXT GENERATION NETWORK DIRECTOR

[Gabriel.Joseph@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Gabriel.Joseph@gov.bc.ca)

**CONTACT: Stacey Wilkerson**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SIDENS

[Stacey.Wilkerson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Stacey.Wilkerson@gov.bc.ca)

### Child Care Division

- Support for child care providers during emergencies:
  - [Child Care Operating Funding \(CCOF\)](#) base funding may be paid when a facility is temporarily closed due to an emergency.
  - Child care facilities impacted by emergencies such as wildfires and floods may be eligible for assistance through the [ChildCareBC Maintenance Fund](#).
- Support for families during emergencies:
  - Access the [ChildCareBC Map](#) to help you find a child care provider in your area that may be able to provide temporary child care.

**CONTACT:** [ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca)

**BY PHONE:** For program-specific questions, contact the Ministry at 1-888-338-6622 (toll free).