**DATE:** April 30, 2019

**TO:** Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Bridget Stirling, Caucus Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** Report #11 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held January 22, 2019)

**ORIGINATOR:** Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

**REFERENCE:** Trustees' Handbook – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

<u>Trustees' Handbook</u> – Section 6 – Board Committees

School Act – Section 61

## **ISSUE**

The Board approved the following recommendations at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That a resolution be approved directing that Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendation was approved at the January 22, 2019, Caucus Committee meeting.

That authorization for the Superintendent to proceed with the utilization of up to \$7,005,000 of Capital Reserve funds to acquire additional modular classrooms not funded by the province be approved.

## **BACKGROUND**

The District received approval for five of 19 new modular classrooms requested through the provincial 2018–2019 Modular Classroom Program.

The need for all modular classroom requests submitted to the province are based on current and projected enrolment, growth analysis, available capacity, existing building configurations, and available alternatives to new units. The acquisition of unfunded modular classrooms is considered the best approach to accommodate students where limited alternatives are present and enrolment continues to increase.

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