

Responses from Dr. Andrew Weaver, B.C. Green Party Leader and MLA for Oak Bay-Gordon Head:

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

**Absolutely. The B.C. Green Party supports a parent's right to choose an education that is appropriate for their children, whether that be within the public or independent systems.**

*2) Will your party be proposing any amendments with respect to the current Independent School Act and its accompanying Regulations and Orders? If so, what are these amendments.*

**No, the B.C. Green Party has no intention of proposing any amendments with respect to the current Independent School Act and its accompanying Regulations and Orders.**

*3) Since 1989, Group 1 and 2 independent schools have been partially funded for operating costs at 50% and 35% respectively, of the average public school operating cost in each school district. Will you maintain the current funding formula, or will alternative proposals be made.*

**The B.C. Green Party has no plans to change the funding formula and any changes to the current funding for independent schools would only be made after an extensive consultative process.**