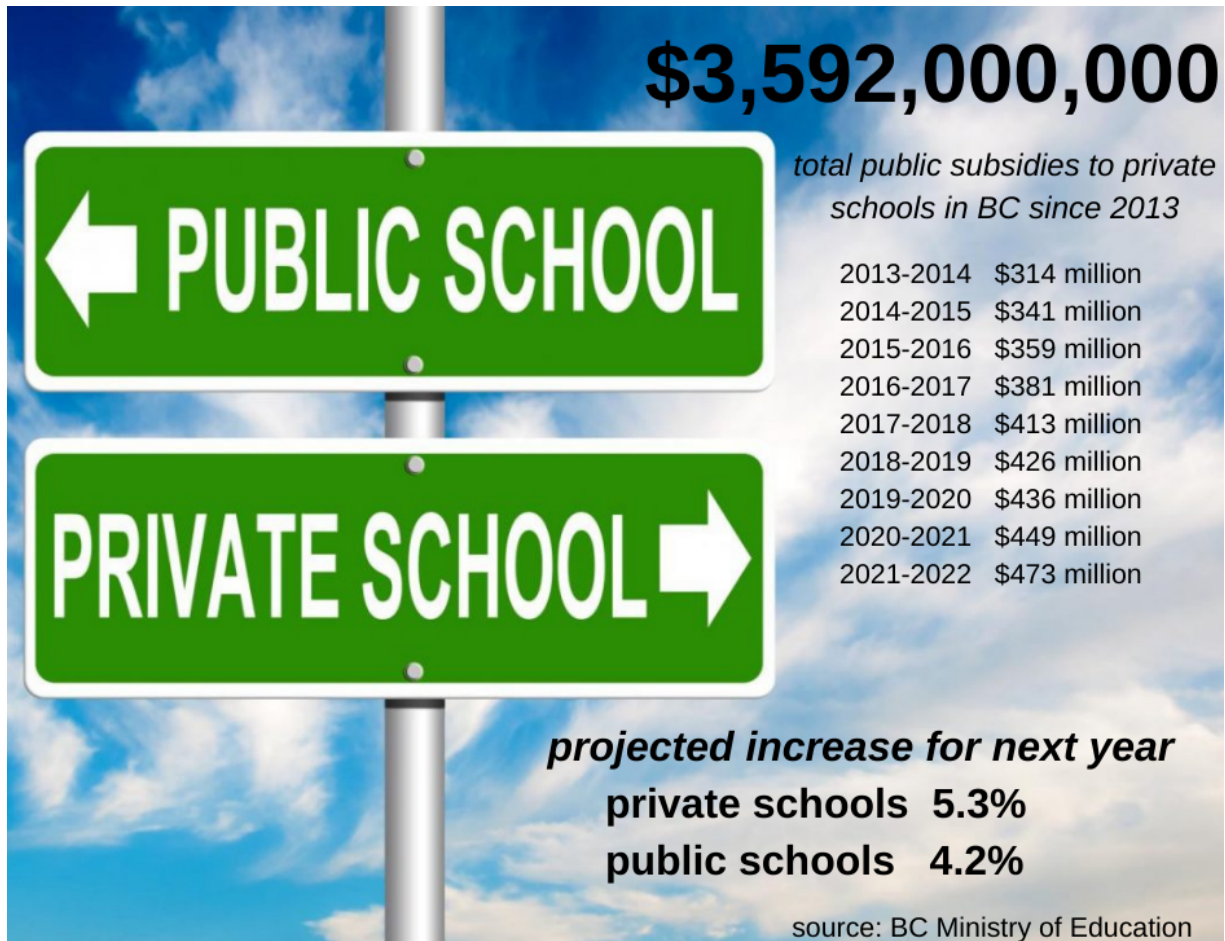


PUBLIC SUBSIDIES TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA: 2020



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British Columbians have subsidized private schools with more than \$3.5 billion since 2013.

When adjusted for inflation, this is a 127% increase in subsidies to private schools between 2001 and 2021.

IPE/BC agrees with most British Columbians who believe this public funding to private schools needs to end.

Next year's taxpayer funded subsidy is projected to be \$473 million. That's an increase of more than 50% since 2013-2014. That will be an increase in the next year of 5.3% to private schools while public schools will see an increase of 4.2%.

With BC's public education system still reeling from years of cuts by the previous Liberal government and only inflationary increases in the current NDP budget for education, there is no excuse for funnelling billions of dollars to private schools. That money should be allocated to the public school system where it can help every child achieve their fullest potential.

Public education is a public interest