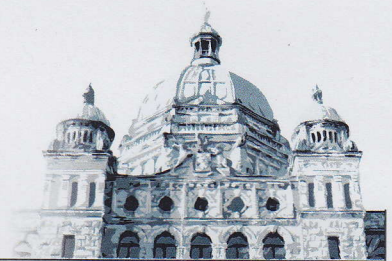
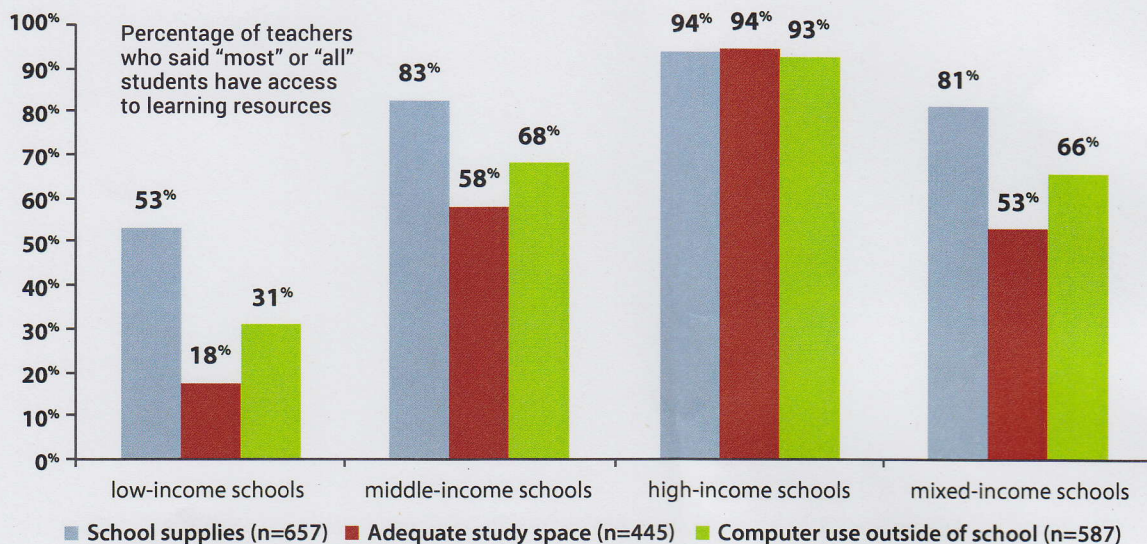


# Let's **BREAK THE CYCLE** with a **POVERTY REDUCTION** plan for BC



The BC government is not providing enough resources to support students vulnerable to poverty

## Teachers are seeing the effects of poverty in their classrooms



**53% of teachers in low-income schools indicated "most" or "all" students have the school supplies they need at the start of the school year compared to 94% of teachers in high-income schools.**

## To break the cycle of poverty, government should:

Raise the minimum wage to a living wage  
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Provide access to affordable, quality childcare

Give better access to health services in rural areas

Raise social assistance, including disability rates for families

Establish progressive taxation to help increase funding in education

Listen to teachers' ideas about what is needed to address poverty-related barriers

Improve training and jobs in remote areas

Provide more affordable housing

1. Provide extra resources to address learning gaps.
2. Improve education funding to address poverty-related barriers.
3. Address underlying causes of poverty.
4. Increase government awareness and understanding of poverty and education issues.