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**Comox Valley Schools receives additional \$1.8-million from Ministry**

**COMOX VALLEY, B.C.**– Valley schools will receive new funding for minor capital projects from the Ministry of Education.

The Ministry made the announcement recently in response to the school district’s 2019/20 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submission.

Four district schools will receive new monies under the following priority programs:

- School Enhancement Program (SEP)
- Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)

School	Program Project Description	Amount Funded by Ministry
Highland Secondary	CNCP - Boiler - Replace with six High Efficiency Condensing Boilers	\$158,000
Mark R. Isfeld Secondary	SEP - Flooring Upgrades - Flooring Upgrades	\$203,500
Mark R. Isfeld Secondary	SEP - Mechanical Upgrades - Boiler Upgrades (Phase 1)	\$540,000
Royston Elementary	SEP - Mechanical Upgrades - HVAC & Fire Sprinkler System Upgrades (Phase 1)	\$465,000
Cumberland Community School	SEP - Mechanical Upgrades - HVAC & Fire Sprinkler System Upgrades (Phase 1)	\$482,000

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Board Chair for Comox Valley Schools, Janice Caton said the request for new funding was identified to the Ministry as part of the funding reporting cycle in June 2018.

“The School Enhancement Program and Carbon Neutral Capital Program are two key areas where we can make significant upgrades in our schools that won’t have an impact on our Annual Facilities Grant,” said Caton. “For many years maintenance projects have not been funded properly and now the Ministry is providing school districts with increased resources to improve schools for students.”

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