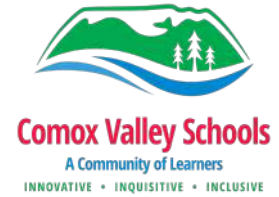


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School enrolments growing as more families move to the area

COMOX VALLEY B.C. – As schools are now open beginning the 2022-2023 school year, enrolments in Comox Valley Schools are continuing to increase, and this is putting pressures on available space in some schools.

While exact enrolments won't be known until later in the fall, based on early projections the number of students attending schools in SD 71 appears to be growing again. However, overall growth figures can't be determined until the number of students leaving the district is determined.

Growth is happening throughout much of the district in many of the bricks and mortar schools (physical school buildings). There are some pockets in the district where there are pressure points, specifically in the Lerwick Road corridor, Cumberland, and Royston areas.

Last January, the Board of Education for Comox Valley Schools made the very difficult decision to adjust the boundaries of Courtenay Elementary and Royston Elementary schools in order to ensure there would be enough space to accommodate students who live in the southern end of the district. Early indications are showing enrolment increases are continuing in this part of the district and the boundary changes were necessary to accommodate the growth.

Schools are working hard to ensure there is space for everyone living within their local catchments and will do their best to accept local students wherever possible. Comox Valley Schools welcomes all new and returning students to the 2022-2023 school year.

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