

Comox Valley Schools

School District No. 71

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Public Interest Disclosure Act: Annual Report for the Comox Valley School District (SD#71)
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Message from the Superintendent

Under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* ("PIDA"), school districts must annually report on all disclosures of wrongdoing that have been made in a year. The annual report must be made publicly available on school districts' websites and includes the number of disclosures received, the outcomes of investigations and any recommendations that are made. The School District has not received any disclosures under the PIDA from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

What is the Public Interest Disclosure Act?

The *Public Interest Disclosure Act* ("PIDA") is legislation that supports ethical and accountable practices by encouraging the employees and board members of governmental bodies to report serious misconduct for investigation and further action.

The PIDA provides a framework for employees to report serious wrongdoing and provides them with protection against reprisals. The types of wrongdoing that can be reported under the PIDA include:

- A serious act or omission that constitutes an offence under an enactment in BC or Canada:
- An act or omission giving rise to a substantial and specific danger to the life, health or safety of persons, or to the environment;
- A serious misuse of public funds or public assets; and
- Gross or systemic mismanagement.

The Board of Education of School District No. 71 ("School District") became subject to the PIDA on December 1, 2023 (the "PIDA"). Under section 38 of the PIDA, the School District is responsible for issuing this annual report on the disclosures that it received under the PIDA within the year.

| REPORT | 2024/2025 |
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| Section 38 (1) | |
| Disclosures of wrongdoing in respect of SD#71 | 0 |
| Section 38 (2) | |
| Number of Disclosures received, including referrals of disclosures: | 0 |
| And the number acted on: | 0 |
| Not acted on: | 0 |
| Number of investigations commenced as a result of a disclosure: | 0 |
| In the case of an investigation that results in a finding of wrongdoing | |
| (i) A description of wrongdoing, | 0 |
| (ii) Any recommendations, including those made by the Ombudsperson, and | 0 |
| (iii) Any corrective action taken in relation to the wrongdoing or the reasons why no corrective action was taken; | 0 |
| Any other information prescribed by regulation | 0 |

I certify that the above report is true and correct.

Dr. Jeremy Morrow Superintendent