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Comox Valley Schools announces earlier applications, Nov. 25 open house

Comox Valley, B.C. – Comox Valley Schools is giving families more time to explore and apply for district programs for the 2027–28 school year, with an earlier opening date and an expanded Expression of Interest window.

Applications will open Dec. 1, 2026, and remain open until Jan. 13, 2027, extending the window from two weeks to approximately six weeks. Previously, the application period began in early January.

The change applies to:

- Early French Immersion
- Late French Immersion
- Montessori
- Indigenous Kindergarten/Grade 1
- Pathways Learning Community
- ENTER (K-7)

Entry is based on a lottery, rather than the order applications are received. Families can submit an Expression of Interest at any point during the application window without needing to rush to apply on opening day. Applicable program priorities, including sibling priority and priority for students of Indigenous ancestry in Indigenous Kindergarten/Grade 1, continue to apply. Students who are currently enrolled do not need to reapply.

The earlier opening and longer application period respond to feedback from schools and programs. Along with a streamlined Expression of Interest form and process, these changes will give families more time to consider their options, reduce pressure during a short January application period and help staff co-ordinate student registrations.

Regular neighbourhood Kindergarten registration opens Jan. 14, 2027. Children entering Kindergarten in September 2027 must turn five by Dec. 31, 2027.

Comox Valley Schools will host an information session and open house on Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Queneesh Elementary gymnasium. The drop-in event is open to all families interested in learning about the district's educational offerings, including neighbourhood Kindergartens, district programs and NIDES.

Families can meet staff, ask questions about programs and learn how the Expression of Interest process works. Inclusive Education, Indigenous Education and other district teams will also host information booths to help families explore the supports available to students.

NIDES programs follow a separate registration schedule in February. Families can learn more at navigatenides.com.

For district registration information and the Expression of Interest form when it opens Dec. 1, visit comoxvalleyschools.ca/student-registration and comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration/

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