



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Hornby Island Students Find an Interim Location for Schooling**

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**COMOX VALLEY, B.C.** – Hornby Island students will be heading to a new location beginning Monday 10 September, an interim solution until a permanent education facility is established.

Comox Valley Schools is leasing *Room to Grow* and the community hall from the Hornby Island Educational Society (HIES) and Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association (HIRRA) for use from Monday to Thursday each week.

“These two locations were identified by the district as an ideal temporary solution that offers suitable and sufficient space for classroom instruction,” stated Tom Demeo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools. “Working closely with the HIES and HIRRA, we were able to secure the space and we are immensely grateful for their efforts and collaboration in making this option possible and for supporting our staff and students.”

Hornby Island Community School succumbed to extensive damage following a fire 26 August leaving the school inoperable and unsafe to carry out classroom instruction.

Students began the new school year Tuesday at Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre for their first three days of schooling while preparations were completed to make the space at the two locations compatible, safe and suitable for the provision of educational programs.

Over the next several months, the school district will implement a plan that will allow Hornby staff and students to move out of these two temporary locations and back into their own space. The plan may involve a collection of modular classrooms. The district is currently working with the Ministry of Education to secure funding for modular space.

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