



## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **G.P. Vanier School Year Start Up Delayed One Day**

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**COMOX VALLEY, B.C.** – Students enrolled in G.P. Vanier Secondary will return to school on Wednesday 5 September, one day after all other schools in Comox Valley School District (SD71) begin the new school year.

The one-day delay is to finalize construction work on the Vanier upgrade project and to ensure classrooms and learning spaces are sufficiently prepared to receive students and begin instructions.

Upon returning to their school, Vanier secondary students and staff will commence with a full day of instruction beginning at 9:05 a.m. The Vanier school bus will be in full operations in accordance with its regular scheduled route for 2018/19.

This final construction phase marks the end of a \$33.8 million seismic upgrade project and building replacement project that began July 2016.

“Heatherbrae Builders and district staff have been heavily involved over the summer months in a final push to ensure the school is ready for operations. We are tremendously grateful for their hard work and dedication, particularly during those weeks this summer when we experience record high temperatures in the Valley,” explained Ian Heselgrave, Director of Operations. “This delay is necessary and we are steadfast in our commitment to providing education facilities that are not only equipped for delivering 21<sup>st</sup> century learning but are completely safe for students and for staff.”

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For more information about the 2018/19 Bus Route visit Comox Valley Schools Online and click on [“Transportation”](#) located on the district homepage.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Image: Front entryway of G.P. Vanier Secondary after renovations. Credit: Comox Valley Schools

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