



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Hornby Island Community School Students will start school on time**

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**COMOX VALLEY, B.C.** – Students enrolled at Hornby Island Community School will receive a three-day education program based out of Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre commencing Tuesday 4 September.

Comox Valley Schools (SD71) senior staff and Board Chair met with parents and the community today to discuss transitional plans for students enrolled in kindergarten through to Grade 8 for the start of the 2018/19 school year.

Hornby Island Community School succumbed to extensive damage following a fire that broke out at approximately 2 a.m. Sunday morning leaving the school inoperable and unsafe to carry out classroom instructions.

A temporary location for delivery of educational programs is currently being discussed and a plan created. Long-term solutions for replacing or repairing the community school are still uncertain and dependent upon the status of the current facility. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Results from the investigation, as well a report on damages sustained will be released once they are made available.

Hornby Island Community School is one of 23 public schools within School District 71. As a community school, its mission is to reflect and support the community of Hornby Island in an inclusive, integrated manner through advocacy, programs, services, and activities that respond to expressed needs of individuals and the community.

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