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Board of Education addresses capacity issue in School District

COMOX, VALLEY B.C. – The Board of Education voted on recommendations during the meeting February 25 to address the overcapacity issue and ease pressures in some District schools due to increasing student enrollment.

Five recommendations were presented to trustees that reflected input from the four school communities where pressures are being experienced the most.

The following motions on the boundary consultation recommendations were carried:

Royston Elementary

- Pursue the addition of one modular structure in 2020 and an additional modular for 2021 to address anticipated growth
- Close all cross-boundary transfers
- Grade 6 will remain in the school grade configuration
- Begin the process to request a capital expansion.

Cumberland Community School

- Grade 9 will remain in the school grade configuration
- The Annex will be designated as space for the community school
- Close all cross-boundary transfers
- Pursue the purchase of an additional modular to address anticipated growth
- Begin the process to request a capital expansion

Miracle Beach

- Continue as a feeder school to G.P. Vanier Secondary
- Close all future cross-boundary transfers.

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Huband Park Elementary

- Current grade 6 and 7 students will be grandfathered to allow students to complete their elementary years at the school
- Effective Sept 2021, all other cross boundary transfers will be rescinded, and those affected students will return to their catchment school to finish their elementary years
- Facilitate families of cross boundary transfers wishing to return to catchment school in 2020
- All new cross boundary transfers will be closed (including siblings)
- Continue as a feeder school to G.P. Vanier Secondary
- Catchment boundary will remain unaffected.

In addition to the four school-specific recommendations, the Board approved the recommendation to close all cross-boundary transfers to G.P. Vanier Secondary and Mark R. Isfeld Secondary schools for the 2020-21 school year.

The approved recommendations will take effect for the 2020 – 2021 school year except where indicated.

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For detailed information about the Boundary Catchment Consultation process, results and recommendations, visit <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/schoolcatchmentconsultation/>

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