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**Joint Use Agreement between the Greater Victoria School District No. 61 and  
the Municipality of Saanich – Gordon Head Middle School**

The Greater Victoria School District and the Municipality of Saanich have entered into a partnership agreement to make the new Gordon Head Middle School community friendly and accessible.

Under the terms of the arrangement the Municipality will share capital costs with the District for the development of new and renovated space within Gordon Head Middle School slated to open in September 2006. Saanich will also contribute annual funding for the operating costs of the community space.

“This is a great example of schools and communities working together to ensure our public schools are used to their full potential”, said Michael McEvoy, Chair of the Greater Victoria School Board.

“We are very pleased to continue our ongoing partnership with the Greater Victoria School District”, said Saanich Mayor Frank Leonard, adding the agreement “builds on the success of the Colquitz Middle School model”. That project has been nominated for the Union of BC Municipalities Best Practices Partnership Award”.

The new space will include the construction of a 750 meter double gymnasium, storage area and Community Use office which are all above the basic requirements for a middle school configuration.

The Community Space will include: gymnasium, art room, home economics lab, computer room, music/band room, drama/dance area, wood shop, community office, and storage.

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