

Media Release

August 28, 2007

For Immediate Release

Lampson School Lease

ESQUIMALT, B.C. – CFB Esquimalt has signed a three-year lease with Greater Victoria School District (District #61) for the use of Lampson Street School. The three-year lease takes effect September 1, 2007, and the base will pay the market rate of \$300,000 per year to the School District.

The increasing demands on CFB Esquimalt infrastructure, driven by ever-changing operational requirements, have forced the base to look for extra space to carry out the mission of supporting Maritime Forces Pacific. "We were fortunate to find a building of that size, so close to the base, and in move-in condition" said Captain (Navy) Mike Williamson, Base Commander. "It will be an excellent location for the Base French Language School, and the lease arrangement is much more economical for us than constructing a new building," added Captain (Navy) Williamson.

Subject to licensing requirements, the base also intends to locate a daycare facility at the Lampson School, to be operated by the Military Family Resource Center (MFRC).

"Not only do the proceeds of this agreement benefit our students, we were also able to lease this facility to an organization that has long-standing ties to our community," said Board Chair Tom Ferris. "This will assure the continued use of the building in the community."

Note to Editors: For inquiries please contact CFB Esquimalt Public Affairs at 363-4006; or Tom Ferris, Board Chair at 475-4106.