



2025 CLIMATE CHANGE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT



May 2026

School District No. 85

Vancouver Island North

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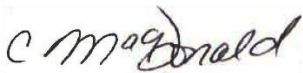
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On behalf of the Vancouver Island North School District, I am pleased to submit the 2025 Climate Change Accountability Report. This report provides an overview of the steps that the Vancouver Island North School District has taken to reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as well as other environmentally sustainable actions that have been undertaken in the 2025 calendar year.

Environmental sustainability is deeply important to the Vancouver Island North School District. The Board of Education has supported effective practices in environmentally sustainable focused areas such as curriculum, energy conservation, school gardens, sustainable purchasing, green transportation, water conservation and waste management.

GHG emissions in 2025 were consistent with 2024. Student enrollment and staffing declined slightly, and ventilation guidelines implemented in 2020, were still in place. Students continue to spend time in outdoor learning environments, participate in team sports and undertake field trips and extra-curricular activities, thereby increasing use of transportation services and therefore GHG emissions.

We continue to engage both our students and employees, leveraging their knowledge and enthusiasm as we strive for lower GHG emissions. We are increasing use of virtual meetings to reduce travel and GHG emissions. We are also undertaking capital projects with the Ministry's CNCP funding to reduce our GHG emissions. Our employees are more engaged in working towards sustainability, and the students who will shape our future are more engaged in caring for the world around them.



Ms. Christina MacDonald
Superintendent of Schools

Declaration Statement

This PSO Climate Change Accountability Report for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, summarizes our greenhouse gas (GHG) emission profile, the total offsets purchased to reach net-zero emissions, the actions we have taken in 2025 to reduce our GHG emissions and our plans to continue reducing emissions in 2026 and beyond.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The total greenhouse gas emissions for the Vancouver Island North School District for the 2025 school year was 718 tonnes, this is an increase from the previous year's total of 699 tonnes and is due in part to the new regulations requiring the inclusion of fugitive gases in the reporting scope, these were reported using the estimation method. 145 tonnes of the total GHG emissions for 2025 are offset exempt as they are school bus related emissions which are not included in carbon offset billing.

Travel Related Emissions

Under the Carbon Neutral Public Sector commitment, only core government organizations that report through the Consolidated Revenue Fund (e.g., ministries, special offices, tribunals) are required to track and report the emissions from the business travel of public officials. Vancouver Island North School District does not fall within "core government" and therefore does not track travel related emissions.

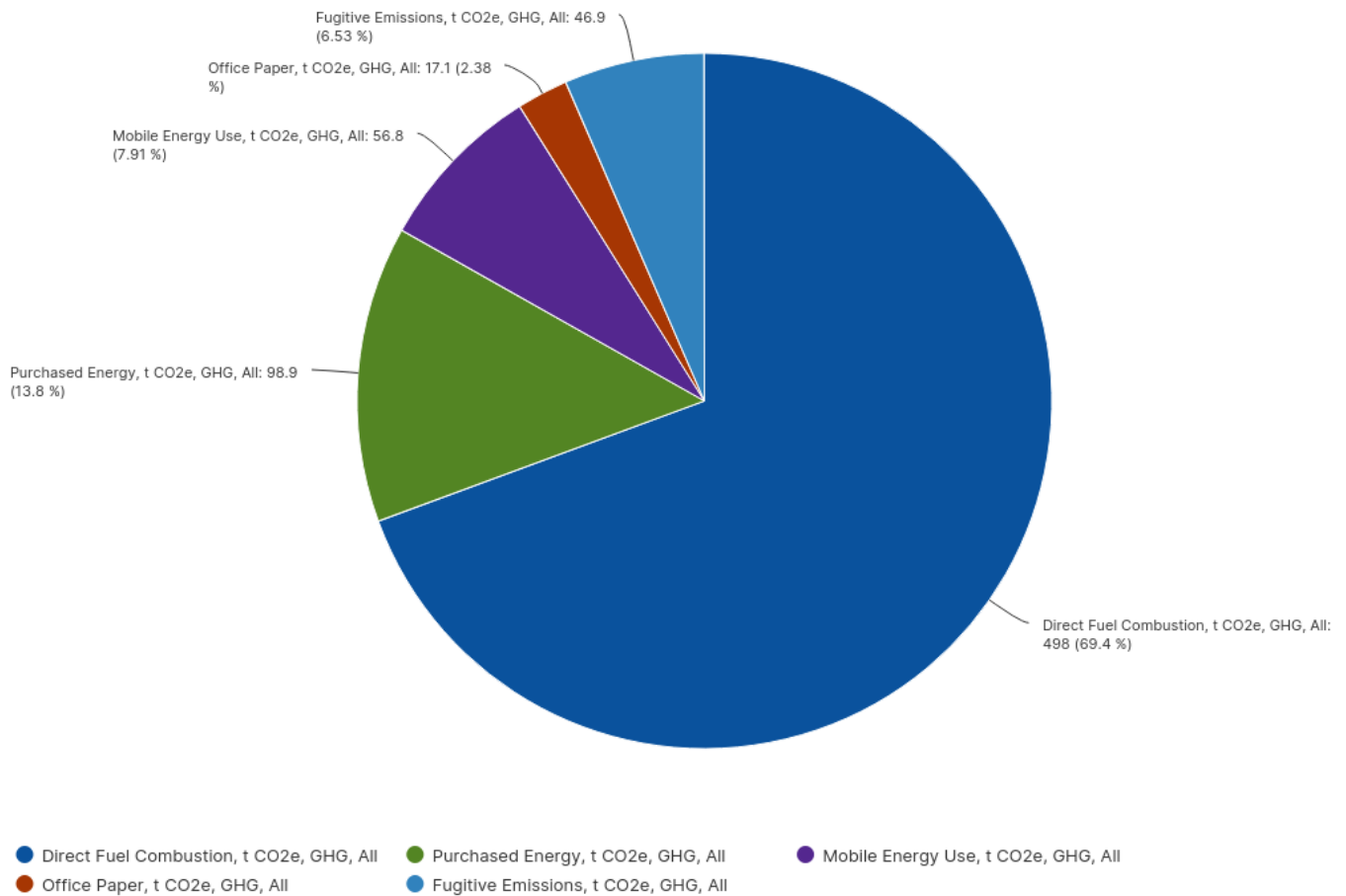
Offsets Applied to Become Carbon Neutral

In order to achieve carbon neutral status for 2025, the Board of Education of School District No. 85 (Vancouver Island North) purchased carbon offsets totaling 718 tonnes of CO2e from the Provincial government in May of 2026 at a cost of \$18,847.50.

Total GHG Emissions by Activity Data Source (no Biogenic)

	School District 85 - Vancouver Island North
	2025
Direct Fuel Combustion	
t CO2e, GHG, All	498
Purchased Energy	
t CO2e, GHG, All	98.9
Mobile Energy Use	
t CO2e, GHG, All	56.8
Office Paper	
t CO2e, GHG, All	17.1
Fugitive Emissions	
t CO2e, GHG, All	46.9

Offset Required, 2025



Actions Taken to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2025

North Island Secondary School received continued roofing replacement and re-insulation. Fort Rupert Elementary received a partial roof replacement. Cheslakees Elementary received heat pumps in the remainder of their building. Continued fluorescent to LED flat panel lighting upgrades have taken place as fixtures reach end of life.

An emphasis was put on “active” transportation within our District to encourage staff and students to walk or bike to school as much as possible to reduce the number of vehicles on the road each day.

Meeting packages continue to be sent electronically to reduce reliance on paper. Recycling is practiced in all District facilities and recycled content purchasing is encouraged whenever possible.

Hydro is used in the School District for both lighting and heating purposes. The total electricity purchased from BC Hydro went from 3,425,874.4 kWh in 2024 to 3,320,933 kWh in 2025, a decrease of 104,941.4 kWh.

Five of School District 85's properties are heated by propane. 2025 saw a decrease from 342,584.69 liters in 2024 to 288,061 liters in 2025. This decrease may be due to a milder than average winter with less extended periods of cold weather.

Plans to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2026

In 2026 the plan is to continue upgrading our facilities to make them more energy efficient overall. Building envelope upgrades are taking place on an ongoing basis, aging heating, hot water and lighting systems are being replaced with newer and more energy efficient units.

North Island Secondary is scheduled to receive further roof replacement as well as window replacement in part of the building

Aging white fleet vehicles will continue to be replaced with more efficient models and those no longer being utilized will be disposed of.

We will continue to educate our staff and students alike on how to be kind to the environment and to do whatever they can to lessen their impact on the world around them through reducing, reusing and recycling whenever possible.

Retirement of Offsets

In accordance with the requirements of the Climate Change Accountability Act and Carbon Neutral Government Regulation, School District No. 85 (the Organization) is responsible for arranging for the retirement of the offsets obligation reported above for the 2025 calendar year, together with any adjustments reported for past calendar years (if applicable). The Organization hereby agrees that, in exchange for the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions (the Ministry) ensuring that these offsets are retired on the Organization's behalf, the Organization will pay within 30 days, the associated invoice to be issued by the Ministry in an amount equal to \$25 per tonne of offsets retired on its behalf plus GST.

Total Offset Required Emissions for Calendar Year 2025	718 tCO ₂ e
Adjustments to Offset Required Emissions in Prior Years	0 tCO ₂ e
Grand Total Offsets for 2025 Reporting Year	718 tCO ₂ e
Price per Tonne	\$25.00
Sub-Total	17,950.00 \$
GST @ 5%	897.50 \$
TOTAL PAYABLE	18,847.50 \$

Executive sign off:



May 26, 2026

Signature

Date

John Martin

Secretary Treasurer

Name (please print)

Title