



April 30, 2025

Board of Education of School District No. 34
Att: Michelle Gehring
CORE, 2606 Alliance Street,
Abbotsford, BC

Dear Michelle,

At this time of year, we like to provide an update on how our programming has progressed over the school year, as well as submit a formal request for continued funding to support our efforts in the upcoming year. Our full Program Report will be shared in mid-May, once our spring programming concludes, and will include detailed outcomes and highlights from the 2024/2025 school year.

This year, district funding enabled us to run five afterschool "Explorations" Groups. We are pleased to report that we successfully reached our target, engaging 52 students in a safe, inclusive environment where they could build social connections and feel a strong sense of belonging. Our Group Programs, designed for students in grades 4 and 5, aim to foster personal growth and wellness. With the support of two to three trained volunteer Group Leaders, students participate in weekly activities including games, group discussions, and exercises focused on specific weekly themes. Program outcomes include improved decision-making skills, strengthened peer relationships, and enhanced self-esteem.

As an organization committed to continuous improvement, we are always evolving our programming to reflect the changing needs of the children and youth we serve. To further support students' social-emotional development, we are seeking additional funding this year to run a free, inclusive summer day camp for fifteen Abbotsford students aged 9–12. Rooted in the Medicine Wheel framework, this one-week camp will focus on health and wellness, connectedness, exploring personal interests and competencies, and building resilience. To ensure the program remains accessible to all families, we are requesting funds to help cover the cost of food and essential supplies. This initiative will provide students with a unique opportunity to engage in culturally grounded activities that support their overall well-being in a welcoming, community-centered environment.

Looking ahead to the 2025/2026 school year, our goal is to maintain our existing programming across five schools, reaching approximately 50+ students. We respectfully request the Abbotsford School Board's continued support through a contribution of \$7,000, which will help cover the core costs of delivering these impactful programs.

We would be proud to recognize the Abbotsford School Board's support on our website as a valued sponsor of group programs in local schools.

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping Abbotsford students thrive.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Unger".

Cheryl Unger
Program Manager