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Subject: Thank You for an Extraordinary Relay for Life Event
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Dear Lisa, Kaleb, Kirstin, and the Entire Leadership Team,

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to each of you for the incredible success of this year's Relay for Life.

It was truly an honour to be invited to speak at this remarkable event alongside students from OKM, KSS, RSS, and MBSS. As both a School Trustee and a cancer survivor, the experience was especially meaningful and one that I will never forget.

What you accomplished is nothing short of extraordinary. Raising more than \$103,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society and becoming the largest fundraiser ever completed by a public school in British Columbia is an achievement that deserves tremendous celebration. The funds raised will support life-saving cancer research, programs, and services that make a real difference in the lives of individuals and families facing cancer.

What impressed me most was not only the fundraising total, but the spirit behind it. Seeing more than 400 students come together from schools across our district demonstrated the power of community, compassion, and shared purpose. As I shared during my remarks, you are not simply participating in an event—you are changemakers. You remind us that compassion has no age, that leadership begins with empathy, and that when people come together with purpose and kindness, extraordinary things happen.

Relay for Life is about much more than raising money. It is about honouring loved ones, supporting those currently facing cancer, remembering those we have lost, and creating hope for the future. Throughout the event, I witnessed students demonstrating empathy, leadership, resilience, and kindness—qualities that will serve them well throughout their lives.

A special thank you to Leadership Hero Kirstin Mulleney for her outstanding guidance and mentorship. The legacy you and your students have built through Relay for Life continues to grow each year. Your dedication to empowering students to lead, serve, and give back to their community is inspiring. The skills students develop through organizing an event of this magnitude—from leadership and teamwork to marketing, sponsorship development, and event management—are invaluable lessons that extend far beyond the classroom.

To Lisa and Kaleb, our Ceremonies Captains, thank you for your leadership, enthusiasm, and professionalism throughout the event. Your contributions helped create an atmosphere that was both inspiring and welcoming for everyone in attendance.

To the entire Leadership Team and all the volunteers, thank you for the countless hours of planning, organizing, fundraising, and supporting this event. Your commitment reflects the very best of public education and demonstrates the positive impact young people can have when they are empowered to make a difference.

Please know that your efforts touched many lives, including mine. Thank you for reminding us all that hope, compassion, and community can accomplish extraordinary things.

With sincere appreciation and admiration,

Julia Fraser,
Cancer Survivor

Warmest Regards,

Julia Fraser, Trustee

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