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Dear Alice Brown Elementary Scholarship Committee,

Throughout my time at Alice Brown Elementary, I did not have just one great moment, but rather, I had many great moments that made my experience at Alice Brown rewarding and lasting. I had the good fortune of having Mrs Ohman encourage me to go out for cross country as early as grade 3 because she recognized my early running ability. Her encouragement and my continued hard work lead to my winning cross country districts in grades 3 through 7. I have continued to run and compete for Brookwood Secondary and this past fall won Langley and Abbotsford Districts and placed 20<sup>th</sup> at Cross Country Provincials in Prince George.

I also was a member of Alice Brown's volleyball, basketball, and track teams for many years and enjoyed success with my team mates. Since leaving Alice Brown, I have continued playing basketball and running track competitively. My early positive experiences at Alice Brown have lead me to not only play basketball for Brookwood through grades 8 through 12, but also to give back to the Langley community by coaching Friday Night Hoops for the past 4 years and most recently to return to Alice Brown to help Mrs Ohman and Mr Joo coach the grade 6/7 basketball team.

Many times over the course of my high school experiences I have thought back to the many great teachers I have been privileged to have had at Alice Brown. Mrs. Fuller was instrumental in teaching me the joy of reading. Mrs Dyck taught me the value of keeping my schoolwork organized. Mrs. Bricco pushed me to work with the grade sevens as I was in a grade six/seven split. Mr. Gray and Mrs. Tobler prepared me well for high school and supported me as a well rounded student-athlete.

Perhaps one of the most positive lasting influences from my time at Alice Brown has been the honour of re-connecting with my kindergarten principal, Mr. Ron Bunting, who this past fall, was the master coach for the NCCP Level 1 Track Training I completed so that I would be able to coach with the Langley Mustangs Track and Field Club this coming season. Seeing Mr. Bunting again and benefiting directly from his knowledge and support brought back many fond memories of my time at Alice Brown and made me realize the strong influence that the school and the staff have had on me.

Thank you in advance for considering me for the Alice Brown PAC annual scholarship.

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