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Dear Alice Brown PAC Scholarship Committee,

It would be futile for me to write about my single greatest moment at Alice Brown Elementary, because throughout my six years attending the school there were many moments that made positive and lasting impressions on me. I was fortunate enough to have had many amazing teachers who helped shape who I have become and what my plans are for my future. Many times over the course of my high school career, I have thought back to the teachers who had such a large impact on my life from a young age. Mrs. Sloane ignited my passion for reading, which now leads me to want to pursue an English degree at Trinity Western University (TWU). When I was put in a grade 3/4 split class, Mrs. Mahood encouraged me to move out of my comfort zone and connect with the older students, which helped me to become more outgoing and develop strong social bonds. In grade 4, I began to notice that the course load was becoming more difficult to manage. Mrs. Dyck showed me the value of keeping my schoolwork organized, and the impact of hard work, time management and perseverance. In part because of these early instilled messages, I have been a very successful student at Brookwood Secondary, earning honor roll status every term, and I currently hold a 94% average in my grade 12 year.

Although these early educational lessons were highly instrumental in the development of my character, perhaps the most greatly impactful experience that I had at Alice Brown was being fortunate enough to have Mrs. Ohman as my PE teacher. Recognizing my early athletic abilities, she encouraged me to try as many sports as possible, and coached me in cross-country, track and field, volleyball and basketball. She signed me up for Brookwood's Friday Night Hoops program, where I immediately fell in love with the physicality and fast pace of the game. Over the past several years I have learned to appreciate the opportunities that the sport has presented to me, including winning three straight AAA provincial titles playing with Brookwood's senior team, and earning an athletic scholarship to TWU. In the fall I will continue to play basketball for Trinity's women's team, while pursuing a major in English, a minor in French, and eventually becoming an Elementary teacher. I credit a large part of my success to Mrs. Ohman's ability to see my early potential.

Throughout my high school years, Mrs. Ohman has continued to support my basketball by attending games, including the provincial tournament this March. Reconnecting with her at games has reminded me of how fortunate I am to have attended Alice Brown, to have had the opportunity of developing some incredible relationships with teachers and students alike. I have many fond memories of my time at Alice Brown and am grateful to have attended such a wonderful school.

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

Sincerely,

Julia Marshall