## Mackenzie Secondary School

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To the District of Mackenzie,

We are writing to express our sincere gratitude for your generous support in providing us with the sports grant that enabled our senior girls' volleyball team to travel to Castlegar to compete in the provincial tournament. This is the first time since 2007 that Mackenzie Secondary School has sent a team to a provincial tournament in volleyball and it would not have been possible without your contribution.

Your support goes far beyond just financial assistance. It represented a vote of confidence in our team and allowed us to represent our community with pride and excellence. Knowing that we have the backing of our community behind us gave the motivation to give our absolute best on the court.

The experience of competing at provincials was extraordinary and surreal. From the intense matches to having our games live streamed so the rest of the students at MSS could watch, every moment was unforgettable. It was the culmination of 5 years of hard work, determination, and countless hours of practice as our team has effectively been playing together since the 8th grade. Earning a spot in this tournament marked the end of a beautiful journey in this sport and one that none of us will soon forget.

This opportunity has left a lasting impact on us as individuals. Beyond the wins and losses, we grew as athletes and as people. We learned the value of teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship – lessons that extend far beyond the volleyball court and into all aspects of our lives. Moving forward, we will carry the spirit of your support in everything we do – whether on the court or in our community.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making this opportunity achievable. We are forever grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Ashley Grant (coach)

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