



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

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Columbia Basin Trust
Suite 200, 445 13 Avenue
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ATTENTION: JOCELYN CARVER (Chair)
JOHNNY STRILAEFF (President)

Dear Ms. Carver and Mr. Strilaeff:

We are writing to follow up on our letter dated February 28, 2024. As you know, District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) is a proud supporter of the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT). Over the years, our students, staff, and schools have greatly benefited from the educational programs that CBT has generously supported.

As active stakeholders, we would like to invite you to collaborate with the District on enhancing environmental stewardship for our students. We propose forming a working group that will delve into creating an action plan. This plan will seek opportunities to enhance and achieve success in environmental education, aligning with CBT's commitments to Relationships, Communities, and the Natural Environment.

Given the District's role as one of the largest stakeholders in our communities, we are eager to work together to foster mutual goals and objectives. We aim to explore joint ventures that support ongoing environmental education and stewardship programming within the District.

We look forward to your positive response to our request. We firmly believe that without proper stewardship of our environment, there can be no sustainable social or economic future for our children.

If you have any questions or to set up a collaborative session, please email Superintendent Viveka Johnson Viveka.johnson@sd5.bc.ca.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Doug McPhee
Chairperson

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