

June 5, 2017

Mr. Shawn Gough
Vancouver Island North Teachers' Association
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Port Hardy, BC V0N 2P0

Dear Mr. Gough:

We are hoping to recognize the hard work of sponsor teachers and schools in your district who have supported students in our Teacher Education Program. As a small token of our appreciation, we provided a VIU coffee mug to each sponsor teacher and principal. We would also like to thank all teachers collectively, even those who do not directly sponsor our students, but who have a significant and positive role. If possible, would you please kindly pass this message on to the teachers in your district through your membership newsletter.

On behalf of the Faculty of Education at Vancouver Island University, we want to express our appreciation to teachers in your school district for their time, patience and excellent mentorship provided to all of our student teachers during the 2016 - 2017 school year.

Our student teachers value their time in the school for the opportunity it provides for observing excellent teaching practices, to discuss practical and theoretical issues with sponsor teachers, as well as to start developing and implementing a teaching style that allows them to blend what they have learned with the reality of the classroom environment.

Having sponsor teachers that are enthusiastic, knowledgeable and caring is crucial to the development of excellent, beginning teachers. Once again, thank you very much for sharing your expertise and your classroom with the teachers of tomorrow. We look forward to continuing our teacher education partnership with the schools and teachers in your district.

Sincerely,



Sean Toal,
Field Experience Coordinator / Professor
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