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To the sponsors of the Fairview Elementary School Aboriginal Garden:

On behalf of my colleagues in the Vancouver Island University Bachelor of Education program, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous support for our Aboriginal Garden project. Thanks to generous contributions from businesses like yours, we were successful in our efforts to create and maintain a beautiful garden that features Aboriginal artwork and a wide variety of indigenous plants.

Your act of kindness has put smiles on the faces of countless students. Indeed, it’s becoming a common sight on campus – young gardeners beaming with joy as they pour water from their watering cans onto the garden beds. Tending the garden fosters a calm mindset that goes a long way towards making students feel more relaxed, focused and prepared to learn. This serenity is accompanied by a strong desire for students to learn more about Aboriginal culture.

What you gave the students was much more than a donation of goods. By pledging support and acknowledging the value of our garden, you provided the morale boost that gave us the confidence to undertake such a time-consuming and physically demanding project. Even in the most challenging times, it was reassuring to know that your business believed in us. With this hope, we were inclined to redouble their efforts. Once again, your commitment to the Fairview Elementary School Aboriginal Garden is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Graeme Arkell