



# KWALIKUM SECONDARY SCHOOL

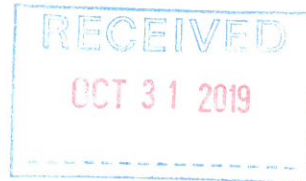
*Working together to realize our full potential*

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Dear Cathy,

My name is Mark Donkers and I am a Counsellor and teacher at Kwalikum Secondary School. I would like to extend a huge thank you for the RDN funding grant that we have recently received. The club members and I were excited to receive the grant. With the grant, we have bought three new bikes that members can borrow and use on our Wednesday after school rides. As well, we will be buying safety and mechanical equipment from other grants that we have received from different sources.

Buying three bikes that the KSS Bike Club owns has already allowed us to grow our club. On one of our recent rides, we had 13 students come out with more students expressing interest each week. With word getting out that the bike club has bikes of their own, students who are not able to provide their own bikes are wanting to try mountain biking. The comments that we have received so far have been overwhelmingly positive from these new bike club members and parents alike. We are also excited to be hosting the 2020 BC Highschool MTB championships at Hammerfest as well. Our hope is that we will have a large contingent representing KSS with all of the members and new riders discovering the joys of mountain biking.

Once again, thank you so much for this grant and all of the positives that will come out of it. Helping young people build community and encourage physical activity for a life time!

Sincerely,

**Mark Donkers**