February 21st, 2021

Mark Lento, Store Manager, Sparwood Save-on-Foods 113 Red Cedar Drive, Sparwood BC V0B 2G0

Dear Mr. Lento,

RE: Providing Chocolate Bars at Cost to School District 5 Schools

At the School District 5 (SD5) Southeast Kootenay Public Board meeting of February 17<sup>th</sup>, the Board was made aware of Save On Foods Sparwood's providing at cost, a full-sized, nut-free chocolate bar to every student in our District.

The Covid pandemic has necessarily placed unprecedented restrictions on the traditional celebrations in schools of many holiday traditions, including the sharing of cards and chocolate treats on Valentine's Day.

Your kind and generous provision –at cost—of full-sized chocolate bars brought genuine smiles to our students' faces and a sense of normalcy to their school experience that has been too long absent following the onset of the pandemic.

Our Board offers you our sincerest and heartfelt thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

Alan Rice, SD5 Secretary Treasurer

cc\*: Shelley Balfour & Chris Kielpinski, CFTA Co-Chairs
Tara McKee, DPAC Chair
Aaron Thorn, President, SD5 Administrators' Association

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