

Anne Prince

Vancouver, B.C.

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Dear Colleague:

**Re: Support for Street to Peak: Inner city youth climb Kilimanjaro.**

I am writing in support of the application for our First Nations' students. This is a rare opportunity for students in our community who face significant hurdles preventing access to travel and interaction with the world beyond Vancouver's Eastside. This opportunity - to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, to interact with Tanzanian students, and to represent our cultures and communities as First Nations' ambassadors, is truly life transforming and will certainly contribute to building a healthy community

Not only our students, but all members of our community, will be enriched and empowered through this experience. From my contacts in the community, I hear the growing support and excitement for this initiative.

Britannia Secondary School has a strong Aboriginal Education Department; the Aboriginal Enhancement workers, the Britannia Streetfront staff and the Britannia Outreach staff are amazing and are passionate about their work. They all work hard to assist the students of Aboriginal ancestry. I have had the opportunity to see the successful outcomes of their work. eg-growing number of students moving on to higher learning.

The different aspects of the trip are already contributing to the youth's growth. With Britannia/Streetfront, and the Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society (VACFSS) we are developing the cultural exchange component to include protocols of gift exchange and cultural sharing. This important part of the trip will draw more members of the community into the project and will ensure that our Aboriginal youth can take pride in our Aboriginal cultures as our students present these to Tanzanian students in the villages and communities around Mount Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti.

I support this initiative. This is part of the Britannia path of Reconciliation- to bring our First Nations and students of other cultures together on a big quest.

It takes a community to raise a child and Britannia Secondary School is an important part of our community. In the success of the students comes the success of the community.

Thank you for your consideration and support for this funding application.

All my relations

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Prince".

Anne Prince

Eastside First Nations Community member