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Spectrum Community School Calls for Support to Raise Final \$1 Million for New Turf Field

VICTORIA, BC – Spectrum Community School is nearing the fundraising finish line for a new all-weather turf field. Throughout the past eight years, the school and its community have inspired donations and in-kind support. Approximately an additional \$1 million is required to move the project forward.

Fundraising for the project saw a spike in support last July as the school hosted a lively event that saw support from Welsh professional soccer team Wrexham Association Football Club, owned in part by Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney.

“We believe there are passionate individuals and groups in our community who would like to support the funding of a new turf field, especially during such a pivotal time in the fundraising process,” says **Katrina Stride, Secretary Treasurer, Greater Victoria School District**. “Support through donations can be a powerful way to give back to the community, serve local youth, and elevate school amenities that are ultimately used by countless community organizations.”

Our community is invited to donate, submit an inquiry about a partnership, or seek more information by emailing community@sd61.bc.ca.

During the rainy season, the school’s uneven grass fields have been deemed unusable due to drainage issues that cause flooding and muddy surfaces. Spectrum’s school sports teams have not played home games on the fields in 15 years for this reason.

“A new turf field is within reach and we are really counting on community support for this final stretch of fundraising,” says **Aaron Norris, Principal, Spectrum Community School**. “We recognize that not everyone is able to give financially, but simply sharing the story of the school community’s efforts will help immensely.”

Successful funding of the project would not only allow Physical Education and Health classes to access a new facility, but it will also enable the school to host athletic and community events and strengthen relationships with user groups such as community organizations and local sports teams.

“We’ve had some significant donations come in and it puts us into the finalization stage of the project, which is very exciting for everyone involved,” says **Dominic Butcher, Teacher, Coach, and Head of Committee for the turf project, Spectrum Community School**. “This project has the potential to be transformational for our school community, Saanich, and Greater Victoria.”

The Greater Victoria School District extends sincere gratitude to those who have already donated and is actively seeking community donations and partnerships. We are looking to raise these funds as soon as possible to avoid further project cost increases related to inflation.

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