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Re: Link2Practice – School District 63

Dear Superintendent Eberwein and Chair Dunford:

On behalf of the Faculty of Education and the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Victoria, we wish to thank the teaching staff and administration at **Sidney Elementary, KELSET Elementary, North Saanich Middle School and Parkland Secondary School** for their participation in our Link2Practice experience over the past years. We would also like to acknowledge, with thanks, the School District 63 teacher leaders who taught the UVic seminar course over the past years: **Meaghan Bowes, Kirsten Dibblee, Leah Mazzocchi, Jessica Pires, Erin Pumphrey and Erin Stinson.**

The goal of UVic's Teacher Education Program is to prepare teacher candidates to work confidently with BC's curriculum, apply research-informed practices in real classroom contexts, and collaborate effectively with educational partners to support all learners. Link2Practice—a weekly field experience that pairs school-based classroom participation with a teacher led seminar—plays a key role in achieving these goals by giving teacher candidates meaningful opportunities to connect theory with practice, right from the beginning of their program.

These experiences would not be possible without the commitment of our K–12 partners. We are grateful for the thoughtful guidance, mentorship, and professional generosity your educators have shown our candidates throughout their time in your schools.



We look forward to strengthening our ongoing collaboration and finding ways to expand our partnership with a new family of schools beginning in the fall of 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham McDonough'.

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