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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that your son/daughter is choosing to be a member of the SDSS Outdoor Leadership Team that is going to hike the West Coast Trail May 26 to June 01, 2024. The West Coast Trail is a 75 km - 6-day backpacking adventure that is located between Bamfield and Port Renfrew on the west coast of Vancouver Island. This trip is still conditional to approval by the Delta School District, and may not be approved.

The leadership focus of this endeavor is to provide an experience for each student that goes above and beyond what is expected in a given school setting. Upon completion of the trail, the team will be responsible for giving presentations to the incoming grade 7 students. The focal point of the presentation is to instill a sense of pride, commitment and dedication in the students. The Leadership Team will use the experience as a catalyst to discuss teamwork, determination, leadership, commitment and overall mental health with the younger students.

For your son/daughter to be eligible to partake in this experience they must have excellent school attendance and have the support of their teachers to allow them to miss a week of school. We are looking for students who are willing to commit to this project from beginning to end. The cost for the trip is \$675 per student. There may also be additional equipment costs depending on your son/daughter's level of experience in the outdoors. If the resulting cost of the trip is less than this amount, student accounts will be credited.

Please look at the links at www.theburge.weebly.com/wctrail.html Note that our team can only accommodate 18 students. Please discuss this with your family and decide whether you want your child to participate. This is the first in a string of communications you will receive regarding our project. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either of us at any time. **We will be holding a mandatory parent information meeting on April 24 to relay some important information and to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.**

Sincerely,

Mr. Dan Burgess
Ms. Julia VanVliet
Mr. Robert McDowell
Ms. Christine Wang