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Fox Family at Terry Fox Secondary School Port Coquitlam, 2025

École Moody Middle School of the Arts Attn: Alexander Abello 130 Buller St Port Moody BC V3H 2C6

Dear Principal, Staff and Students of École Moody Middle School of the Arts,

Each year, words never come easy when we try to express our family's enormous gratitude for your commitment to Terry's dream. We can see the determination he displayed echo in your school community as students and staff embrace his call to help others. Your \$46233.40 fundraising effort makes a real difference in the lives of Canadians facing cancer – our family is humbled by such a meaningful gift.

As we reflect on the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Marathon of Hope, we think about what Terry started back in 1980. As you know so well, he was driven to act after witnessing the suffering of others while undergoing chemotherapy. Terry explained in his November 1979 letter that he left the cancer clinic with a purpose and a promise: he would never forget those that he had left behind.

"...I was rudely awakened by the feelings that surrounded and coursed throughout the cancer clinic. There were the faces with brave smiles, and the ones who had given up smiling. There were the feelings of hopeful denial, and the feelings of despair. My quest would not be a selfish one. I could not leave knowing these faces and feelings would still exist, even though I would be set free from mine. Somewhere the hurting must stop...and I was determined to take myself to the limit for this cause."

It is this powerful message, and all his words of hope, courage, and determination, that drives us every day, NO MATTER WHAT obstacles, odds or journeys we face. More fundraising equals more life-changing research. We believe Terry would be so proud at how far we've come, knowing that his legacy is in great hands, and that lives are being extended and saved. Here's to another year radiating Terry's spirit and contributing to new advancements in cancer research.

With deepest gratitude

On behalf of Terry's family, Fred, Darrell, Judith, Kirsten, Erin, Jessie & Alexandra

P.S. Terry would be so proud to see schools going above and beyond with their fundraising. We can't thank you enough!