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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Letter of Support - Texada Island/sayayin Food Forest and Freeze Dryers Project

On behalf of the Board of Education of qathet School District, I am writing to express support for the Texada Agriculture Group's proposal Texada Island/sayayin Food Forest and Freeze Dryers. This project offers an important opportunity to strengthen food security and resilience for students, their families, and the wider qathet region.

The initiative provides direct benefits to both Texada Island and the School District. The use of school-based space for the Food Hub and food forest will create meaningful educational opportunities, engage students and families in applied learning, and model sustainable practices that can be replicated elsewhere.

We view this initiative as advancing food security, community health, cultural connection, and environmental stewardship. By enabling residents to preserve and share local foods, it reduces waste, supports local farmers and harvesters, and strengthens household resilience.

Sincerely,

Steve Hopkins

Secretary-Treasurer

CC: Board of Education