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Dear Mayor Shepherd:

My name is Aaron Obedkoff. I am a 12 year old student at Anne McClymont Elementary School. I am a member of the "Me To We" team at our school that is fundraising for a Canadian-founded non-profit organization called "Free The Children", and I am writing to you today to solicit a donation for this very worthy cause.

Free the Children is an organization that is all about "kids helping kids". Children all over the world suffer greatly because of poverty, malnutrition, medical problems, and lack of sanitation. Plus, they have no chance at getting an education. Many of these children are sold into child bondage because their parents have unpaid debts. Then they spend their entire lives as slaves. Free the Children helps these impoverished children by supplying the adults of their village with alternate sources of income so that the children will be able to go to school and not work, by drilling wells and supplying clean drinking water, by supplying medical assistance, and by building and supplying schools so that children can get an education. "Teaching", not just "giving" will help to break the circle of poverty in these countries. \$.91 of every dollar that is raised goes to these projects. Please feel free to check out the website at www.freethechildren.com for even more information about this fantastic charity. We, as students at AME, strongly believe in this organization and have committed to work for this cause for the year. As a part of the project, we have just completed the fundraising goals for our own community, and are now looking towards our international goal.

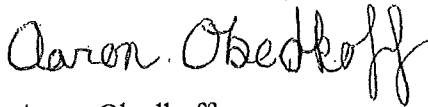
We are asking for donations from the both the business community and our own community in order to help us reach our goal, which is building and supplying a school in Kenya. If you donated \$500 to this worthy cause, you would be a platinum donor, \$400 would make you a gold donor, \$300 would make you a silver donor, and \$200 would make you a bronze donor. Of course, any amount that you would like to donate would be greatly appreciated. Cheques can be made payable to Central Okanagan School District #23, with Anne McClymont's "Free the Children" referenced in the memo area.

The "Me To We" students at AME have prepared a power point presentation that we would be happy to share with you about this project and why it is so important to us. We would love to have the opportunity to share it with you and your staff, so that you could

learn more about this worthwhile cause, why we so wholeheartedly support it, and why we want to help make a difference in these children's lives. Two Grade Seven AME students would be most happy to come to your place of employment or business for a meeting with your staff, or with your organization. We could come either during school hours, or at a time when your group is meeting. We sincerely hope that you will call us at 764-4122 and speak with our principal, Mrs. Brenda Leimert, to make an appointment for us to do so. We can't wait to share this with you!

In closing, I will be looking forward to talking with you in the near future, so that you can partner with us to help "be the change" in our world.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron Obedkoff". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Aaron Obedkoff