



# Sunrise Middle School

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**To:** Open Space Authority

**Subject:** Letter of Support for CommUniverCity's Growing Sustainably Program

To whom it may concern:

I write to express my enthusiastic support for CommUniverCity's Growing Sustainably program.

Our CommUniverCity partnership started this past January with their Writing Partners and Community Leadership Program. We have been looking forward to adding more of their enrichment service learning programs to our list of electives. Among them is the Growing Sustainably Program (Garden Education, Cooking Matters). We have a small garden on our campus and are excited to re-activate it with the help of service learners from San Jose State.

The potential for this partnership is great as our students will have the chance to learn about growing and eating healthy while bonding with college mentors. Many of our students are struggling, English learners, or students with learning disabilities. Almost all are from low income families. College mentors can help our students see the possibilities ahead of them.

CommUniverCity's Growing Sustainably Program pairs well with our full inclusion model, which includes outdoor education, as it will allow learning in a safe, peaceful, low stress environment outside of the classroom.

We thank you for your consideration of CommUniverCity's grant request.

In Community Spirit,

Teresa Robinson, Director & Principal  
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