



# Franklin-McKinley School District

PREPARING ALL CHILDREN AS GLOBAL LEARNERS

## McKinley Elementary

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To: Board of Directors, Open Space Authority

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

I write to express my enthusiastic support for CommUniverCity's Growing Sustainably grant application for its garden education program to increase the integration of healthy eating, physical activity and pro-social behavior education for underserved, low-income elementary school students.

For years, our children have been participating in CommUniverCity's nutrition and cooking projects which aim at teaching children where healthy foods come from and the benefits of eating fresh, healthy foods. The lesson plans for these workshops are tied to our common-core standards in an effort to reinforce school subjects with outdoor, interactive, hands-on gardening and nutrition activities.

The proposed grant application for the Growing Sustainably program to provide children physical and social skills in addition to garden education presents a great opportunity for our children to become involved in learning beyond the classroom.

We look forward to continuing our participation in CommUniverCity's Growing Sustainably projects, and we thank you for your consideration to CommUniverCity's grant request.

Best Regards,

Julie Aguirre  
Principal, McKinley Elementary School

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