# SD61 Greening Application



Spectrum Indigenous Medicine Garden



School Garden and Cooking Pro-D Day

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### Agenda

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Showcase of SD61 Gardens
- 3. Research and Statistics
- 4. Recommendations
- 5. Document Process and Procedures
- 6. Overview of Document
- 7. Next Steps
- 8. Questions and contacts







### Harvest4Knowledge

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Čəniŋəł Spring Celebration - 'to be planting' Spring Celebration









# **Reynolds Secondary**







### **Sprouting School Gardens Research**

- Online School Garden Survey
- Administrator and/or School Garden Champions
- School Garden Observations

- Schools in School District 61 (n=24/44 schools)
- 16 schools had a functional garden and a fully completed the survey (response rate of 64%).







### **Research Findings**

#### **Strengths**

- Administrator Buy-in
- Networks
- Technical Assistance
- Garden Upkeep
- Volunteerism

#### **Challenges**

- Professional Development
- Garden Committee
- Educational Material
- School Garden Irrigation
- Classroom Time in the garden
- District-Wide School Garden Policy



### Recommendations

### **Community Partnerships**

- Professional development for school staff
- District level coordination in directing volunteers or community partners to support schools

#### **School Environment:**

- Staff time dedicated to the garden
- School level Garden Committee





Marigold Elementary School

### Recommendations

#### **Teaching and Learning:**

- Integration of garden in classes, programs or courses
- Curriculum support for teachers to engage all grade levels into the garden

#### **Policy/Practice:**

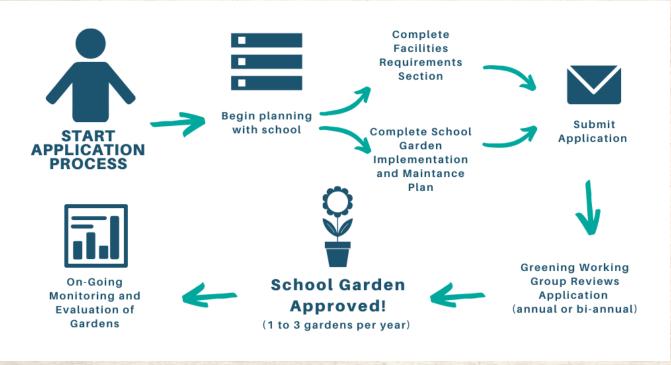
- Financial support for gardens
- Regular monitoring and feedback loops at the school level and district level
- District level school garden working group to set short and long term goals for school garden integration



Cloverdale Traditional School



## **Greening Application (Proposed Process)**



# **Overview of Sections within the Application**

- Facilities Requirements
- Site Map of Garden
- School Garden Planning
- Maintenance Plan
- Sustaining the Garden Committee
- Learning and Education
- Evaluation



# **Facilities Requirements**

- Fencing
- Irrigation / Water Access
- Signage
- Seating
- Small buildings
- Trees
- Perennial Plants



# Site Map of Garden



# **School Garden Planning and Sustainability**

- Creation of Garden Planning Committee (Garden Team Contacts)
- Goals Planning
- Structure of your committee, and process for documentation
- Details of garden design and how they will engage students.



### **Maintenance Plan**

- Seasonal Needs of Garden
- Activities by season
- Need for summer maintenance



### **Learning and Education Plan and Evaluation**

School gardens are built with the intention of being learning spaces promoting mental health and academic learning. In this section, we want to understand the type of learning and/or mental health outcomes you want to see in your garden.



### **Next Steps**

- Establishing a Greening Working Group
- Finalizing Greening Application
- Request existing gardens complete a similar form
- Have new gardens complete the application
- On-going evaluation/monitoring





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