



# Schoolyard Gardens Conference

## Establishing Roots

Friday, March 2, 2018

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

SCHOOLYARD GARDENS provide an incomparable, hands-on opportunity for educators to learn how to meet academic standards, engage with community partners, learn about agriculture, healthy eating and cultural competency, and connect with natural systems. Whether you're a beginner or schoolyard garden veteran, join us in March and learn innovative strategies for building, sustaining, and engaging diverse learners in a thriving schoolyard garden.



Presented by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program in collaboration with the Minnesota Schoolyard Gardens Coalition

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### 2018 ENDORSING ORGANIZATION GUIDELINES

*No financial commitment is necessary to become an endorsing organization.*

#### CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Contribute to the growing success of school gardens in Minnesota by becoming an endorsing organization at the 6th Annual Schoolyard Garden Conference on Friday, March 2, 2018! Over 350 teachers, school administrators, school food service professionals, Master Gardeners, parents and other school garden supporters attend this event to share their ideas and resources for building and sustaining school gardens.

#### 2018 TOPICS:

- Schoolyard Gardens 101 (Beginner Program), Schoolyard Gardens 201 (Intermediate Program) and Schoolyard Gardens 301 (Advanced). These tracks will give attendees to follow their level of garden programming. Sessions will include sustainability, curriculum and state standards, farm to school, food services & food safety, plus much more!
- Public policy and school policy Tool Box Workshop
- Second Annual, "Innovative Problem Solving Showcase"

#### BENEFITS OF ENDORSEMENT

- Endorsing organizations will be listed on program agenda
- Endorsing organizations will be included on the Arboretum website and in the web-based follow-up report
- Each endorsing organization will have space on a literature table for copies of one hand-out for participants
- Members and staff of endorsing organizations may attend the summit at the member rate

#### YOUR COMMITMENT

Endorsing organizations actively publicize and market the conference to their members and the general public through direct mail, email campaigns, website listings, etc., as appropriate.\*

**To endorse this conference, please contact: Carrie Stowers, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum at [cstowers@umn.edu](mailto:cstowers@umn.edu)**

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#### FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Financial sponsorship for this summit ranges from \$500 to \$20,000 and is open to businesses, government agencies, non-profits, civic organizations, university-affiliated departments or groups, and individuals. For an initial conversation, please contact Wendy Composto, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, at (612) 625-0856 or [comp0002@umn.edu](mailto:comp0002@umn.edu).