

# an ECOSYSTEM of LEARNING: SHARING COMMON GROUND

## 2016 SCHOOLYARD GARDENS CONFERENCE

Welcome!!

WE LOVE SCHOOL GARDENS  
JEFFERS FOUNDATION.ORG VIDEOS!

- CARRIE STOWERS
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- ROSE McGEE
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SWEET POTATTO PIE AS SERVICE AND COMFORT

THE HEAD LUNCH LADY FOR THE DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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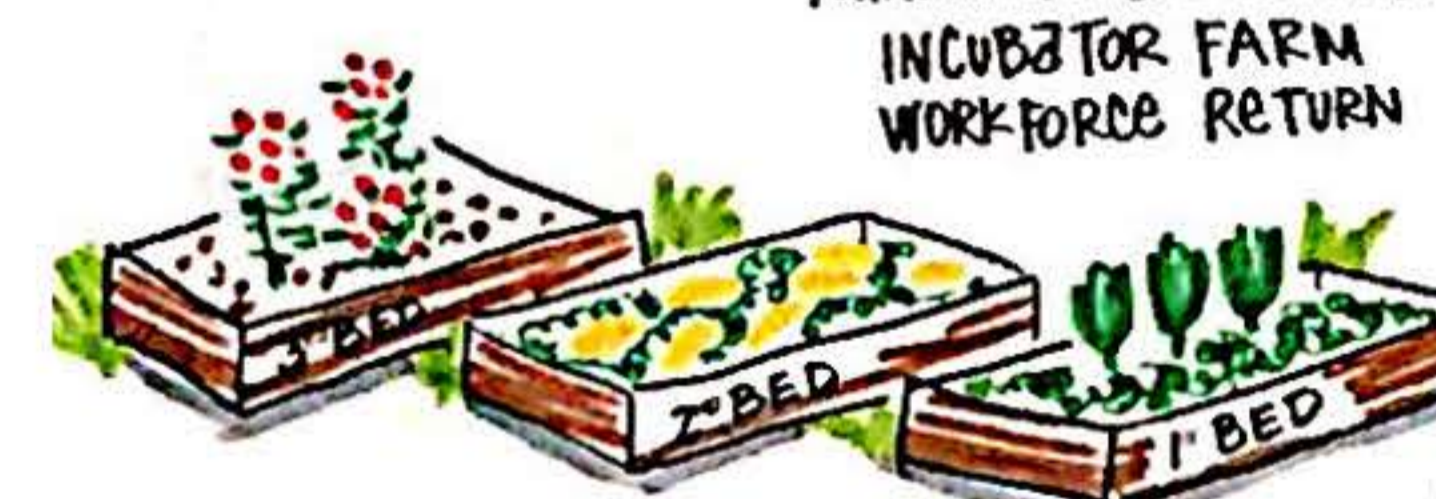
IT TAKES MORE THAN BOOKS FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN

many PUBLIC, PRIVATE & PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS

USE DATA

**DREW FARMS** & MACKENZIE FARMS COMING  
30,000 POUNDS OF FOOD GROWN! and some of it to food bank to go back to community

**KETTERING** AGRICULTURAL CAMPUS INCUBATOR FARM WORK-FORCE RETURN



OUR GARDENS BUILT AROUND EDUCATION MODEL w/ GARDEN ASSISTANTS

**DETROIT SCHOOL GARDEN COLLABORATIVE**

79 SCHOOL GARDENS FARM TO SCHOOL HEALTHY HUNGER ACT SUPPORT- USDA IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD

TEACHER TRAINING & INCENTIVES

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS - TRAINED & CERTIFIED  
A great investment

BUY LOCAL RESOURCE CENTER for teachers

**CHALLENGES** TO URBAN GARDENING

SOIL CONTAMINATION; DEBRIS; RODENTS; THEFT; COMMUNITY BUY-IN BURIED! SITING FIELDS + COMPOST, TRANSPORTATION, EQUIPMENT, HOUSES!

CHALLENGES OF INSTITUTIONAL GROWING: TIMELINE; GETTING KIDS TO EAT UNFAMILIAR FOOD

Questions:

**FOOD WASTE?**

LUNCH PERIODS TOO SHORT WASTE IS DOWN BECAUSE WE'RE CHANGING PALETTES

**LESSONS? SHARED**

GO TO OUR WEBSITE WE SHARE EVERYTHING

**CONVINCING PEOPLE TO USE FRESH FOODS - EXPENSIVE, CODES?**

USE A 2- WELL SINK - ITS NOT COMPLICATED; MOST HEALTH DEPT'S WILL HELP DEVELOP PROTOCOLS

**YEAR ROUND? GARDENING**

WE PROCESS FOOD FROM LOCAL GROWERS - SO FROZEN FOOD TOO LIKE BLUEBERRIES AND CORN

**SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORT?**

USE PARENT-CHAMPIONS - TAX YOURSELF

**CONVINCING COOKS?**

IT'S A MANAGERS DECISION - WORK WITH A CHEF RELUCTANT PEOPLE - MOVE THEM UP OR MOVE THEM OUT

**FUNDING?**

(MY HUNGRY CHILDREN FUND IT) THRU USDA CHILD NUTRITION DOLLARS C.E.P. / FOOD STAMPS

We need CEP for all children

**ENGAGEMENT THRU CULTURALLY DIVERSE FOODS?**

WE GROW FOOD FROM ALL CULTURES

**SOIL SAMPLES?**

RESULTS HAVE TO BE POSTED SO INDIVIDUALS DO IT - NOT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS - use raised beds & impermeable barriers WE PUT CEMENT OVER HOT SPOTS

IF SCHOOL WANTS IT

**EXTENSION**

HELPS W/ JUNIOR MASTER GARDENOR

**CLEAN LABEL?**

DEFINITION BEING CREATED MINIMALLY PROCESSED W/O UNNECESSARY ADDITIVES "FOOD MADE FROM FOOD"

**COMPOSTING?**

WE RECYCLE BUT DON'T HAVE SUPPORT FOR COMPOSTING

**DREW FARM SAVE \$?**

IT WASN'T STARTED TO SAVE \$ - COST IS INCORPORATED - ITS NOT DONE TO SAVE \$ - CHILDREN'S HEALTH CANT BE MEASURED IN DOLLARS

**HOW TO INVOLVE STUDENTS? THRU TEACHERS**



Who is here?

- MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS - 23%
- TEACHERS - 21%
- GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 15%
- UNIVERSITY FACULTY & STAFF - 13%
- GARDEN RELATED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS 9%
- SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS - 8%
- SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROFESSIONALS 7%
- PARENTS - 3%
- STUDENTS - 1%

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