



Fayette County Public Schools

Executive Summary Fayette County Public Schools Board Meeting Agenda Item

MEETING: Planning

DATE: 9/9/2024

TOPIC: FoodCorps Partnership

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Recommended Action on: 9/23/2024

Action Item for Vote (REGULAR MEETING)

Superintendent Prior Approval: No

Recommendation/Motion: A motion is in order to approve the contract with FoodCorps.

Background/Rationale: Demand for outdoor learning spaces that include vegetable, herb, sensory and edible gardens continue to exceed existing supports. 85% schools enjoy the academic, physical and social-emotional benefits of school gardens, but maintenance demands, professional learning, staff/student/parent transition and culinary connections are formidable barriers to the sustainability of school gardens. FoodCorps (AmeriCorps program) excels in culturally responsive food literacy, connection to our land and experiential learning in design, planting, maintenance and harvest of school gardens. FoodCorps is offering a \$15,000 fee assistance for 24-25 school year for **four full-time FoodCorps Members** to work with eight FCPS elementary schools with the focus of 1) centering justice, 2) building power within the site community and 3) movement building and with the expectation that local and national FoodCorps staff will pursue local, state and national funding partners and grant opportunities for future investment. In addition to eight target elementary school partners, FoodCorps Members will support up to six other elementary schools' food literacy programs, as needed. Sustainability Action Plan Priority 6 Outdoor Learning Supporting Goal 5 Public & private funding streams will be identified to maintain and expand Outdoor Classroom elements, to include FCPS Grounds training on outdoor classrooms, trees, pollinator/rain gardens and edible gardens care.

Strategic Priority:

- Student Achievement Unity, Belonging & Student Efficacy
- Highly Effective, Culturally Responsive Workforce
- Outreach & Engagement Organizational Health & Effectiveness

Data Considerations: Sustainability Action Plan Priority 6 (Outdoor Learning) Supporting Goal 5: Public & private funding streams will be identified to maintain and expand Outdoor Classroom elements, to include FCPS Grounds training on outdoor classrooms, trees, pollinator/rain gardens and edible gardens care

Policy: 01.11

Fiscal Impact: \$42,000

Attachments(s): Sustainability Action Plan