



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.2

Meeting Date: October 15, 2015

Subject: Theodore Judah Presentation—Project Green/Science Alive Program Growth and Success

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Academic Curriculum

Recommendation: Board to assess the success of the program for future action.

Background/Rationale: Shannon Hardwicke created, and has run Science Alive at Theodore Judah for eight years. In the past three years she has also been working for Soil Born Farms coordinating the Growing Together School Garden Initiative. She is now supporting garden programs in five pilot school sites in SCUSD and collaborating with many others. She is working on teacher training, writing standards based garden curriculum and helping with the garden site maintenance. She is here today with educators from district sites to discuss the program at Judah and future school program developments.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): College and Career Ready Students; Safe, Clean, and Healthy Schools; and Family and Community Engagement

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: 15 Minutes</p> <p>Submitted by: Ellen Cochrane, Board Trustee, Area 2</p> <p>Approved by: President Darrel Woo, Board of Education</p>
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Theodore Judah Presentation - Project Green/Science Alive Program
Growth and Success
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- I. OVERVIEW / HISTORY:** Theodore Judah School’s Science Alive Program is a unique program that provides hands on science and gardening experiences including—The Green Team, Butterfly Pavilion, Science Lab and School Garden (including chickens).

Science Alive is a program where students, kindergarten through sixth grade, can participate in hands on activities with a portable science lab and various garden spaces. Science Alive has grown from a small school project to a school-wide program that serves as a “best practice site” for Sacramento City Unified School District and the Soil Born Farms School Garden Initiative—Growing Together. Our portable science lab covers geology, cells, human body, solar system, ecosystems and many other topics in a kid friendly way. Our garden is a place where kids can learn about plant parts, seasonality, the water cycle, insect life cycles, environmental stewardship and much more. Now Science alive is bringing the program to other schools in the District. The program is growing, and the Theodore Judah team is delighted to introduce the latest plans, successes, and participants.

- II. DRIVING GOVERNANCE: N/A**

- III. BUDGET:** None

- IV. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND MEASURES:** To inform the Sacramento City School District Trustees about the stellar work the administration, staff and PTA are accomplishing at Theodore Judah Elementary School.

- V. MAJOR INITIATIVES:** None

- VI. RESULTS:** Communication of the programs at Theodore Judah and explain the future of the program.

- VII. LESSONS LEARNED / NEXT STEPS:** To be determined.