



Reynolds Family of Schools Outdoor Learning Centre
Developing the Courtyard Garden as a Teaching Resource for SD61
 October, 2017

Objective: Animate Reynolds courtyard garden as a teaching and learning centre and develop a long-term model for financially supporting its maintenance and use.

Proposal: LifeCycles has the expertise and experience to support this garden animation. Our aim is to work with the district to explore the creation of a model learning centre that could be utilized in other secondary schools across the region’s family of schools, to support outdoor learning and food production.

LifeCycles will provide the school with a garden resource person who will work 10 hours per week to:

- Coordinate with teachers and students to support the garden’s use in inquiry based learning
- Coordinate and support garden production for the school’s salad bar program
- Coordinate the on-going maintenance of the space
- Support connection to the feeder elementary schools within Reynolds family of schools, including:
 - Field trips to the Reynolds courtyard garden
 - Propagation and distribution of vegetable plant starts
 - Distribution of soil ammendments
 - Peer mentoring program support
- Annual professional development opportunities for teachers utilizing Reynolds garden

Expenses	Cost	LifeCycles Contribution	SD61 Contribution
Coordination, Staffing	12600	6300	6300
Horticultural supplies	750	375	375
Learning Resources	1650	825	825
TOTAL	15000	7500	7500

LifeCycles will also work to develop more involved programming to support the garden’s maintenance and animation. This programming will also support LifeCycles in maintaining its financial contribution (as indicated above) lont-term. This “more involved” programming will be developed in detail if a commitment from the district to work together is established, but may include:

- A spring break day camp program run by LifeCycles and hosted at Reynolds
- A summer break youth employment program modeled after [Fresh Roots’ SOYL Program](#)
- A small nursery program modeled after the [EYA’s Native Plant Nursery](#)

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