

Dear Donnie Snow,

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [jknuth@21stprepschool.org](mailto:jknuth@21stprepschool.org) or (262).598.0026.

Respectfully,



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# 21st Century Preparatory School

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September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to you, the Mayor and Council of the City of Racine, as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teaching team from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Preparatory School. Over our school's first quarter session, we will be focusing the Real Science/Core curriculum within "Service Learning Projects," where we have students look at how the earth and humans coexist. All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be researching specific topics or scientists within this subject, and learning how we can improve the conditions around us by understanding our planet better.

Our service learning project includes delving into the plant kingdom through the investigation, of not only the classification of certain plants, but cataloging the plant life spans and life cycles through particular gardens. The specific benefits of such gardens are tantamount to a "service" learning project where the produce will be used within the context of the school community. Coupled with this, is the ability to work in gardens inside the community with which the students live, along with supplying a beautification of the students' own urban environments.

Within our Racine community, we have decided to take on a challenge which includes the creation and maintenance of a community garden. This garden will be planned and designed by the sixth grade class. The planning of this garden involves mathematical and geometrical applications, historical analysis of the surrounding area, botanical and scientific classifications, and expository documentation of the overall project.

The location we are proposing to use is at the Randolph Street Park. We understand that we need the approval of the City Council, as well as the Mayor, in order to utilize this space. It is also our understanding that this location has been targeted by the City of Racine for use of special improvement projects and we believe that our project will indeed allow our students to become partners in developing the community in which they live and go to school. Therefore, at this time we are requesting that you allow us to move forward with our project. Please let us know if there are any additional steps that we must take, not only to get final approval, but also in terms of allowing our students to keep you informed of our progress.

If there are any further questions, we can be reached at [jknuh@21stprepschool.org](mailto:jknuh@21stprepschool.org) or [irenteria@21stprepschool.org](mailto:irenteria@21stprepschool.org) or 262-598-0026 extension 7856. Thank you for your support and help in educating 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at 21<sup>st</sup> Century Preparatory School.

Respectfully,

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