

Communication To The Racine Common Council

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The students and staff at Walden III Middle / High school are planning to build an outdoor classroom as part of their "Green School" initiative. A student committee has met weekly for most of the year to discuss the pros and cons of this project. Originally we planned to build the classroom on Walden's property. The students felt it was important to include the neighborhood in the use of the outdoor classroom. We recently became aware of the fact that the tennis court west of the Walden property, in Franklin Park, will be excavated and turned into a green space by the city of Racine in 2009. We think this would be a great location for the outdoor classroom including a green space. We plan to accomplish this at no cost to R.U.S.D. or the City of Racine. We have discussed our ideas with alderman Mr. Jeff Coe and Mr. Donnie Snow. They suggested we start with this letter and request to have the Racine Common Council discuss and refer this communication to the the Park and Recreation Department.

Enclosed you will find a brochure outlining the "Green School" initiative projects, as well as a rough diagram of the Franklin Park site that we are interested in developing into a green and peaceful place for members of the community and Walden students and staff to enjoy.

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