



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

This agreement is entered effective **August 1, 2026** through **July 1, 2028** between the Galveston Independent School District (GISD) and Groundswell (formerly Galveston's Own Farmers Market). This MOU is in regards to Groundswell's Outdoor Learning Educator (OLE) position that will serve GISD campuses and students .

Program Overview: Groundswell will provide a full-time Outdoor Learning Educator (OLE) to work onsite in the Young Gardeners Program's (YGP) school gardens with GISD teachers and students with their focus on TEKS-based curriculum and providing experiential outdoor education combined with job-embedded professional development. The specific location, dates, curriculum, etc will be determined at a later date.

GISD agrees to:

- Provide funds of \$70,000 to Groundswell for the Outdoor Learning Education program:
 - SY2026 - 2027: \$30,000
 - SY2027 - 2028: \$40,000
- Provide access to the school, gardens, students and faculty as needed and agreed upon for the OLE and professional development

Groundswell agrees to:

- Provide an Outdoor Learning Educator (a full-time, Groundswell employee)
- Provide TEKS-based curriculum
- Provide the supplies needed to maintain the gardens and support the OLE curriculum

Both parties acknowledge and agree to abide by the terms set forth in this MOU.

Signed and Agreed:

Galveston Independent School District

Groundswell

Printed Name & Title

Printed Name & Title

Signature Date

Signature Date