

Garden Club

Student Leadership in Action

Monroe Center Elementary



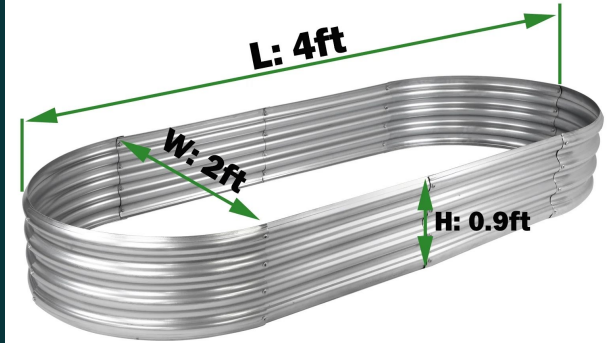
Grant Proposal
2025-2026

Our School Garden space

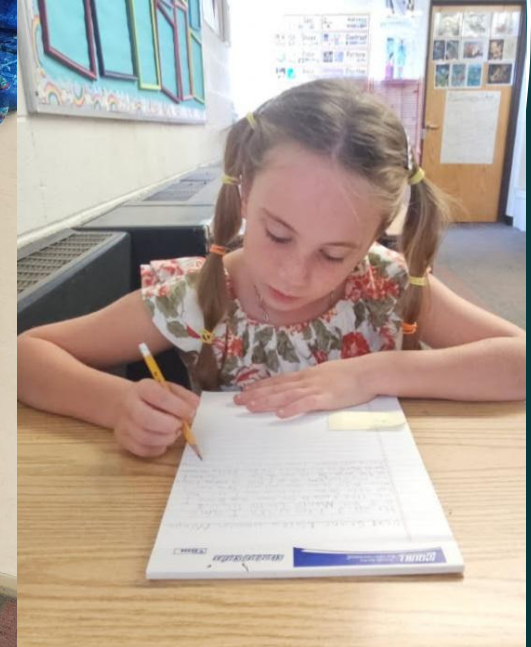


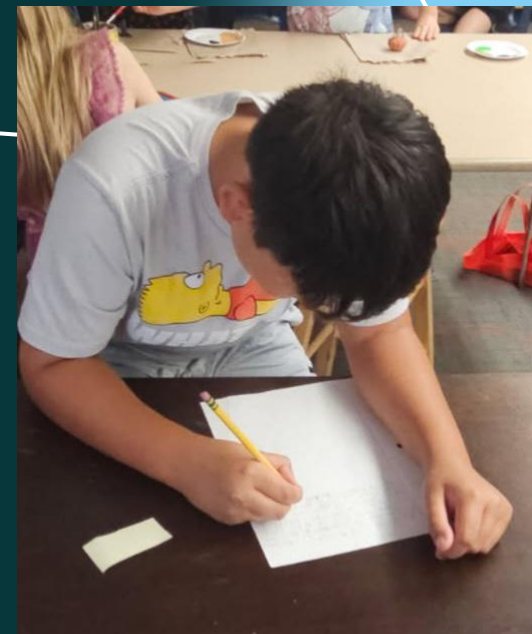


Raised garden beds and soil that we would like to purchase for our school garden.



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Dear Grant Review Committee Members,

Hi my name is Sky. I am 10 years old
in 4th grade Monroe Center School. I
was very excited to join garden group because I
have a few gardens at home, and I help my
mom in the garden. That's why garden group is
the best group ever. We are going to continue planting
in the spring. So we can do that we would need
soil and galvanized raised garden beds. We would
fully appreciate some funds for them. Thank you
so much for all the hard work.

Sincerely Sky
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Dear Grant Review
Committee Members,

by Benson we are
leaders that want to
learn about planting and
gardening and more and we
want to buy sum stuff thank
you.

Dear Grant Review Committee Members,
My name is Preston. I am
in 5th grade at Monroe Center. I'm
in the Garden Club and we would
like to plant flowers and
vegetables in our school garden in
the Spring.

In order for us to do this,
we are asking for your help. We
would appreciate a financial
donation from you to help us
buy the supplies we need. We
would like to buy metal raised
garden beds, soil, seeds, and
any other necessary materials
for our garden to grow.

Sincerely,

Preston

Dear Grant Review Committee
Members.

My name is Paislee, and I am
in 5th grade. I go to Monroe
Center grade school. We will
be planting flowers and
vegetables for our school
and for bee's and butterfly's.
We are asking for money
so we can buy raised
garden beds and soil.

Sincerely Pais
Paislee.

Dear Grant Review Committee
members

My name is Jamilyn. We have
a cool garden. I am in 4th grade
at Monroe Center, it's great to have
you at Monroe Center. We are
asking for money to buy raised garden
beds. Thank you.

From Jamilyn

Dear garden review committee members,

My name Angel I am in Hingrad Morrow center school and I be a leader and was want to do a garden on my house and I want to make a card on the garden and I found the garden group because I want to make a plant and my mom want to make a garden and my make a garden and my mom put plant and my dad make a big garden

Dear comm ittee members my name
is Austin And i am in 4th grade At Monroe
center And garden group is the best group
ever Because we got to make Apple Sauce
And it was the best Apple Sauce ever. And
garden needs up grade At Monroe center can
we borrow money pls. Because our garden At our
School really needs a up grade And we get
to plant tomatoes And flowers i really love

from

Austin

Dear grant review committee
members,
My name is Anthony i am in 5th
at Monroe Center. we plant have fun
and other fun activities. I wanted to
join garden group because i really
love gardening ever since i was a little
kid. But we would really like to upgrade
our garden. could you please donate
money for metal raised garden beds and
soil. It would mean so much thank you

Sincerely, Anthony

Dear Grant Review Committee

Members, My name is Isaac I
am in 5th Grade at Monroe Center
Elementary School. Garden Club will be
planting a little garden in Spring. And
we need help with garden beds and soil
would help alot and we will have lots
of fun.

Sincerely, Isaac

Sincerely, Isaac

Dear Grant Review
Committee Members,

My name is Broxtyn I am
in 4th grade at Monroe Center
School. Me and my peers want
to become gardening leaders for
Illinois. we want a grant
for metal garden beds.

Sincerely,
Broxtyn

Dear Eraut Revine Committee
My name is Holden I am in 4th

grade We want Garding Beds
becos it's easier to water and
easier to plant so it's hot
skat by enre water and
we can other vites w
plants singlerly Holden

Dear Grant Review Committee
Members,

my name is Scarlett. We have a beautiful
Garden At Monroe Center School. I like
Planting Fruit And vegetables there. Having
metal raised garden beds and soil.
Would help us plant them. Sincerely
Scarlett

Dear Grant Review Committee
members.

My name is Cayson I am in 4th
grade at Monroe Center grade school. please can
you help? Can you give us Garden Beds.

by Cayson

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Tony McCombie
State Representative – District 89

September 30, 2025

Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom Grant Review Committee
c/o Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom
1701 Towanda Avenue
Bloomington, IL 61701

RE: Letter of Support for Monroe Center Elementary School Garden Club – IAITC Grant Application

Dear Grant Review Committee Members,

It is my privilege to offer my strong support for Monroe Center Elementary School's Garden Club as they apply for the Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) grant. Their thoughtful plan to purchase galvanized raised garden beds and soil is much more than a gardening project, it is an investment in the next generation of Illinois leaders.

Through this initiative, students will gain meaningful, hands-on experiences that connect directly to the lessons they learn in the classroom. By planting vegetables and pollinator-friendly flowers, these young learners will see firsthand the importance of agriculture in their daily lives, from the food on their tables to the stewardship of our environment.

Projects like this foster curiosity, responsibility, and pride in Illinois' agricultural heritage. They also encourage healthy living and build lifelong respect for the land and the farmers who sustain us. Most importantly, this program will spark an appreciation for agriculture at an age when students are eager to learn, explore, and connect with the world around them.

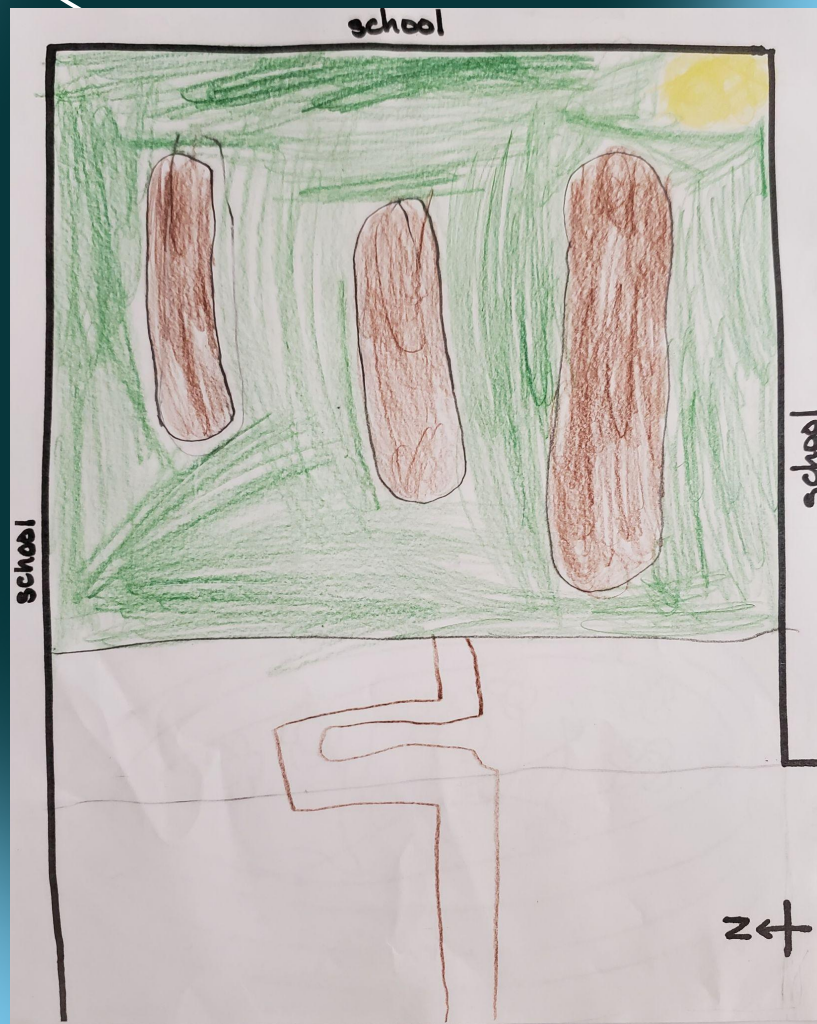
I wholeheartedly encourage your full consideration of this worthy application. Supporting Monroe Center Elementary's Garden Club means investing in students, strengthening communities, and carrying forward the proud tradition of Illinois agriculture.

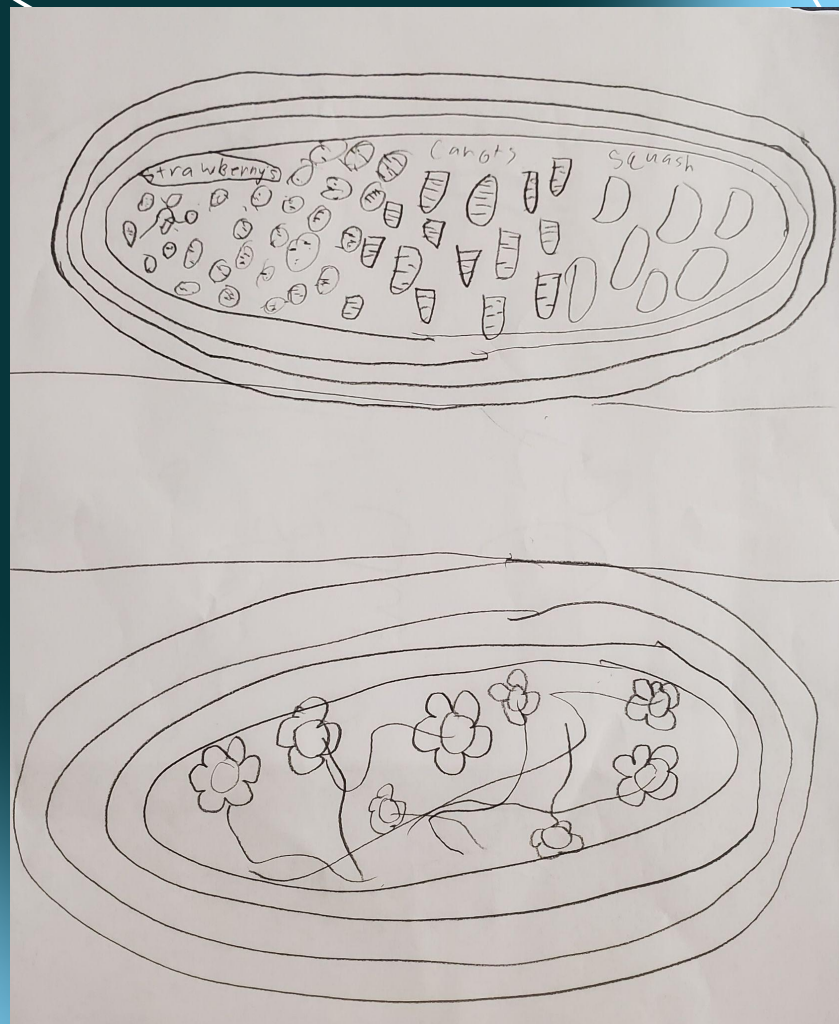
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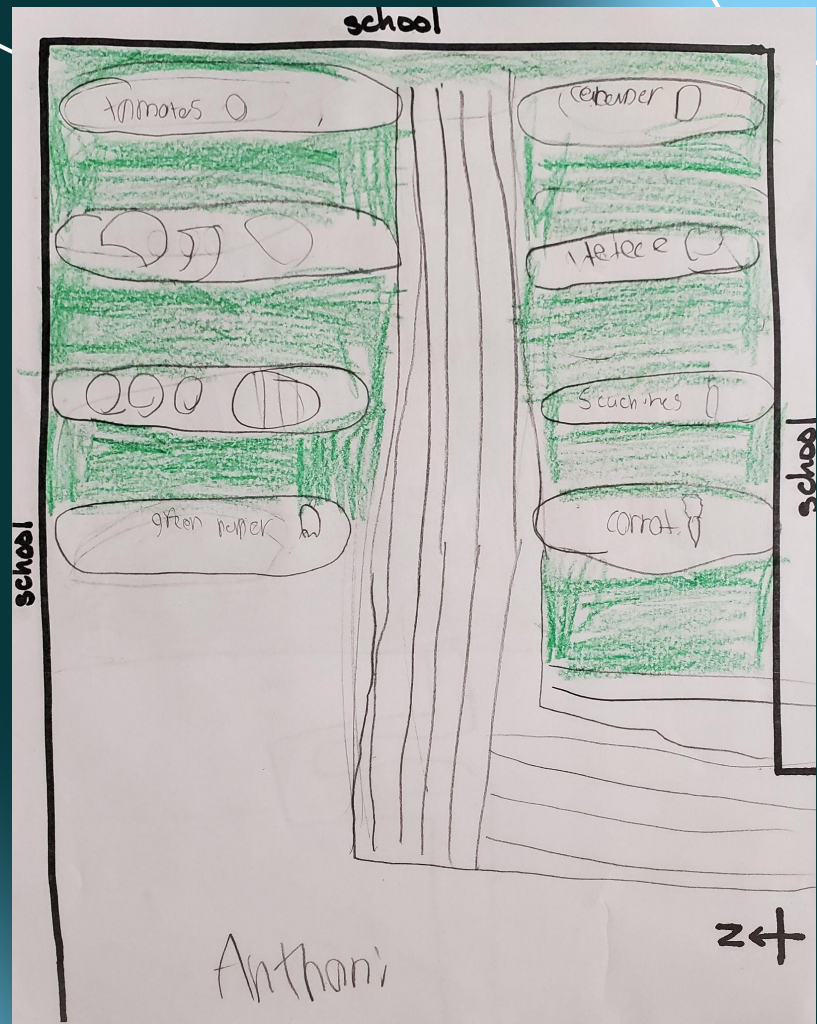
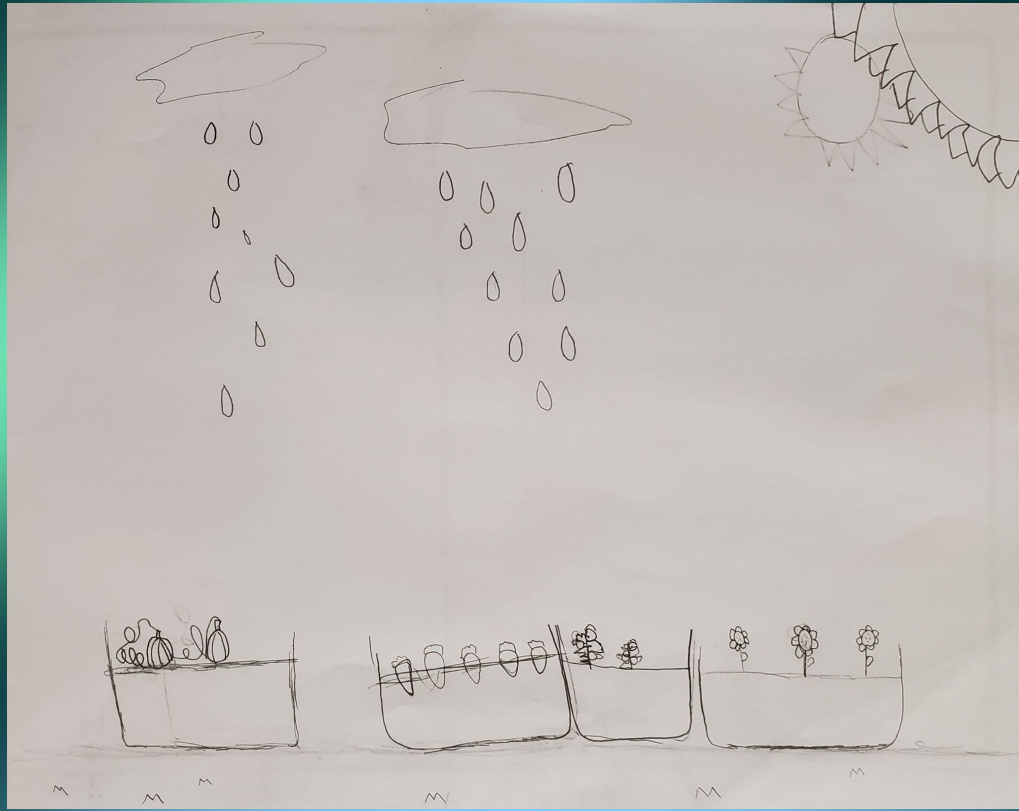
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony McCombie".

Representative Tony McCombie
Illinois House of Representative
District 89

Possible garden
plan ideas.









Garden clean up.