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SCHOOL BOARD VICE PRESIDENT STEVE ZIMMER INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE GREENING OF THE DISTRICT

WHAT: When is a garden more than a field full of yummy carrots, sweet corn, vine-ripened tomatoes or a favorite crunchy, tender, bursting with flavor, vegetable? Plants thriving in a nature-based schoolyard also provide plenty of instruction and other teachable moments. In fact, studies prove that these gardens are powerful tools for teaching hands-on science, mathematics, social science, language arts, visual and performing arts in addition to nutrition. Nurturing from seed to plate also creates opportunities to learn about how to take care of the environment, preparation, perseverance, good work habits and an appreciation for the natural world. In this context, school gardens are part of LAUSD’s commitment to becoming the most sustainable and environmentally-friendly large urban school district in the nation.

Toward that goal, the Los Angeles Board of Education approved a resolution, authored by Board Vice President Steve Zimmer, establishing a task force to provide recommendations that would help ensure effective collaboration between community advocates, parents, and District staff. The task force report, including recommendations, is now available for review and comment at a meeting open to the public.

WHO: School Board Vice President Steve Zimmer Tara Treiber, facilitator, Nature Based Schoolyards Task Force Members of the task force

WHEN: Saturday, June 7, 2014
1 - 3 p.m.

WHERE: Board Room
LAUSD Headquarters
333 S. Beaudry Ave.
Los Angeles 90017
(Free parking at Huntley Drive lot, north of Miramar Street)

Public comment may be made via three-minute-presentations or comment cards at the meeting or in writing via email to tgtreiber@gmail.com. Hard copies of the report will be available at the meeting. It is not available online. ###