DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Garden Projects

       This agreement details the roles and responsibilities assumed on the part of a school site with respect to School Garden Projects. A school garden project is defined as any additions or alterations of any kind made to the existing grounds on the part of the localized school administration. Additions consists of, but are not limited to, raised gardening beds; planting trees, shrubs, or plants of any kind; and constructing or placing seating areas within the garden. Alterations consists of, but are not limited to, removal of existing grass, plants, or trees and changes to existing irrigation (capping or tapping into).

AGREEMENT

1. <u>Term</u>. The term of this agreement shall be for the life of the school garden project.
2. <u>Maintenance</u>. The maintenance of the garden-- including all additions and/ or alterations made, shall be the sole responsibility of the school staff.
3. <u>DSUSD Grounds Staff</u>. Work orders or work requests made of the grounds staff related to the school garden project-- dirt removal, irrigation repairs, pest control, are subject to charge-back fees to the school site.
4. <u>Pest</u>. School Garden Projects have a high correlation to an increase in pest activity. School sites are duly advised to institute preventative measures to mitigate the impact on the school site. For example, fruit trees are not recommended. If they are planted, staff will remove fruit from the ground every morning.
5. <u>Water</u>. The district reserves the right to restrict water use in compliance with state and county policies relevant to water agencies.
6. <u>Safety</u>. The school site will ensure that the garden is free of safety related issues, such as, but not limited to: trip hazards, sharp edges, and ease of accessibility for all students and staff.
7. <u>Waste</u>. The school site will assume the cost and responsibility for the removal of any waste related to the school garden project.

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Site Administrator Signature   *DATE*