



THE SAN FRANCISCO GREEN SCHOOLYARD ALLIANCE

The San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance (SFGSA) is a coalition of Bay Area civic organizations whose work supports schoolyard transformations from ordinary asphalt yards into ecologically rich green spaces for learning and play. SFGSA works to ensure that these emerging vibrant landscapes reflect their site's local ecology and their school community's green schoolyard goals and curricula. SFGSA members offer a wide variety of resources that can help school communities create and sustain green schoolyards. In addition the Alliance:



- hosts quarterly meetings that serve as networking opportunities for green schoolyard enthusiasts,
- produces events including a biennial green schoolyard conference, and
- disseminates resource bulletins that inform subscribers of useful resources and events.

Preparing the Ground, a SFGSA member, operates within the landscape department of the SFUSD via the Director of Educational Gardens. This position was established in 2003 with outside funding and provides technical assistance and resources to the thirty-plus schools that have schoolyard garden programs. During the 2005-06 academic year, a major focus of the Director is to assist the seventeen elementary schools listed in San Francisco's 2003 school bond with implementing the bond's schoolyard greening component. As a result of the SFGSA's steadfast advocacy for including green schoolyard funds in the bond, these 17 schools are eligible for \$100,000 each to develop a green schoolyard program.

The following elementary schools are eligible for the Prop. A green schoolyard funds: Alvarado, Bryant, Clarendon, Claire Lilienthal (3-8), Commodore Sloat, Harvey Milk, Hillcrest, Rosa Parks, Sherman, Treasure Island, West Portal, Bret Harte, S.F. Community, Dr. Charles Drew, ER Taylor, Leonard Flynn, and Malcolm X.

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