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This is a Great Program to have in our Public Schools.			



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3/5/2025 My name is Gannon Seyer and I am here to support Agriculture Education and the passage of House Bill 1026. I never thought that I would consider being a farmer when I grew up. Agriculture education at an elementary school level allowed me to consider agriculture as a career and something to pursue. Early exposure to agriculture education led me to join my local FFA chapter and be elected to an officer position. That awareness and practice of agriculture starting at an early age allowed me to understand how valuable agriculture was to myself, my community, and my state. I urge you to consider the positive impact this type of legislation would bring to the next generation of ag leaders. Thank you for your time.



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3/5/2025Greetings Legislators, My name is Lyra Noce and I currently work at the Southern Boone Learning Garden in Ashland, Missouri as a teaching assistant and garden manager. Our program began with the work of parents and volunteers who started the Southern Boone Learning Garden Nonprofit in 2007 as an afterschool garden club serving just 13 students. Since its establishment, the program has grown exponentially in scope and support. In the fall of 2017, Southern Boone County School District took the reins of the Learning Garden, providing staffing support with a full time educator and aide. The facilities include 40 raised garden beds, fruit trees, and field garden as well as construction of an indoor/outdoor classroom in 2020, hoop houses for extended crop production, and will be adding a greenhouse in the near future. The Learning Garden has been integrated into the school-day schedule and each pre-kindergarten through fourth grade class currently visits the garden monthly during the school year for a lesson. Reaching approximately 850 primary and elementary age students. Our focus remains as garden-based and environmental education, but through collaboration with all classroom teachers, we are able to consistently link our work to Missouri learning standards and curriculum. We had the opportunity to pilot the state program for science and agriculture and found it to be an excellent program for schools who do not already have such a program established. The resources and curriculum provided by the MySci lessons and Washington University were easy to follow and integrated into the classroom. Since our program had been already established, we found many of these lessons were similar to those we provided. The benefit to our students has been measured in their increased enthusiasm for agriculture activities, healthier food choices and nutrition, natural resources, conservation, and earth sciences. Our district has seen increased enrollment in high school agriculture courses and FFA participation. We know we are shaping the next generation of farmers and scientists for our state, but we also know we are inspiring students with a passion for food and connection to their learning environment. Our district is fortunate to have the support of our community, school administration, and Southern Boone Learning Garden non-profit. We take great pride in helping children make educational connections with hands-on learning in our outdoor immersive environment. These types of agricultural education programs and resources should be made available to all districts within our state.



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