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McKissack Professional Development School to Host USDA Civil Rights Representatives for Official Groundbreaking of McKissack Community School Garden Project

Community School Garden Project Groundbreaking

Nashville, Tennessee - June 17, 2015: On June 19, 2015, Representatives from the [Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights](#) for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will make their way to Nashville, TN to join McKissack Professional Development School along with a host of other local, state and federal officials and representatives for the groundbreaking of their new community school garden project. This collaboration with inner city schools and the [Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights](#) within the USDA is proving to be a successful one. With McKissack being the 6th school to adopt the School Garden project, sponsors of the project hope by the end of this fiscal year to have projects going in 10 states and 13 cities.

The School Community Garden project will give the children a working knowledge of a soil to spoon example, raising food from seed to the plate. It will also serve as an outdoor classroom, where lessons of all kinds can be taught from a true garden experience. The project will serve to foster a mentor relationship between local college students at nearby Tennessee State University, as students from the University will work one on one with the middle school students as they tend their garden. Students will be able to taste and share with the community the benefits of their labor, and hopefully it will spark a new found love for agriculture and shed new light on where our food comes from.

Representatives for the ribbon cutting and ground breaking ceremony include: the principal of McKissack Professional Development School; Mr. Darren Kennedy, Ashlee Davis - Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights with the USDA, and Trevor Hunt - NRCS District Conservationist, Davidson County. The ceremony will be begin at 9:00a.m. at McKissack Professional Development School, 915 38th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37209.

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