



ELIZABETH FORWARD School District

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Dr. Karen Hacker, Director
Allegheny County Health Department
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Dear Dr. Hacker,

The purpose of my correspondence today is to offer my support for the Elizabeth Forward School District to be involved in the *Live Well Program* in Allegheny County.

Over the last several years, teachers at Greenock Elementary in our district, have done an amazing job in supporting the neediest in our community. We have in place a community garden that is farmed by our elementary students at Greenock. In conjunction with the garden, we started a summer enrichment class called, "Little Sprouts", where children learn about growing and cultivating the garden. The course also teaches the students how to prepare the food that they grow. Another program that we started was to teach our parents how to cook called "Cooking Matters" sponsored by 412 Food Rescue. We also have conducted several food drives, and we presently have a "Food Cupboard" at the school, that provide food items for the neediest families.

The District supports the *Live Well Initiative* in Allegheny County and I am committed to assisting other staff throughout all schools in the District to support this program. The district is willing to conduct survey's of our community, build out our garden idea to other schools in the district, and continue in our efforts to provide healthy lunches and snacks for our students.

Please let me know if there is anything else that I can do to move the program forward. Thanks for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bart Rocco
Superintendent of Schools