

SCHOOL GARDENS IMPACT REPORT



Thank you! Your financial support helped preschool and K-12 students connect to fresh food, gardens, and outdoor learning. You helped more than 28,500 children across the Pittsburgh region learn to grow, cook, and enjoy fresh food. Thanks to you, students and educators experienced the many benefits of gardening last year.

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

- **24** school gardens received hands-on, active programming with our team
- **3** new school gardens created in 2025-26
- **81** Pre-K and K-12 school gardens across **14** school districts in the Grow Pittsburgh School Garden Network
- **100%** of teachers surveyed believed gardening enhanced student engagement in class
- **100%** of respondents believed that work in the school garden increased student capacity for teamwork and cooperation
- **100%** of teachers felt that students experienced physical and emotional benefits from being outdoors



Thank you again for all that you have done for our students. The kindness, love and generosity that you have shown our students has been overwhelming. I don't think my words are doing them justice.

-Culinary Arts Teacher at Westinghouse

Thank you so much for taking the time to work with our second graders and introduce them to healthy eating. You made it fun, engaging, and easy for them to understand, which really made an impact. We truly appreciate your effort and enthusiasm—it means a lot to our class!

- Teacher at Colfax K-8



We had a fun time harvesting and planting our crops!

-Science teacher at Carmalt PreK-8



The garden looks great this year! Our family is inspired to grow ground cherries next year now that we've seen how well they do here at the school garden.

-Montessori parent and summer care volunteer