

Tamara Helfer, DBA Sequoia Science Education

Tamara Helfer will work as Project Director for the MDUSD Garden Education program.

Specific duties will include:

- ✚ Coordinate the MDUSD Garden Education programs at the four pilot schools, Bancroft, El Monte, Fair Oaks, and Sequoia Elementary. Act as point of contact for all stakeholders (garden educators, principals, MDUSD administrators, teachers, UC Davis researchers, parents, community contacts) for all routine program matters and refer up the chain as appropriate.
- ✚ Make sure the GE programs and curriculum are NGSS aligned and provide PD to the garden educators. Work with and maintain communication with MDUSD NGSS specialist and lead teachers on this.
- ✚ Make sure that a CTE component is built in to the four pilot programs.
- ✚ Work with researchers from UC Davis to help them evaluate the Garden Education program, work with FNS Director and the school principals on this.
- ✚ Write the MDUSD USDA Implementation Grant Proposal; work with Executive Director, FNS Director, and Director of Development.
- ✚ Other Tasks as they arise.

Garden Education Services at Fair Oaks Elementary, duties include:

- ✚ Provide Garden Education to all 15 classes (TK-5) at Fair Oaks during a 2-week alternating schedule. Fair Oaks teachers/substitutes will be present for all garden education classes.
- ✚ Work together with other MDUSD Garden Educators and teachers to procure and/or produce garden and wellness curriculum that is integrated and correlated with Next Generation Science Standards, Career Technical Education Standards, and Common Core State Standards, in alignment with the goals of the MDUSD Farm to School Program.
- ✚ Work with ASP program to prepare and maintain the garden and to collaborate in a way that is mutually beneficial for the in-school classes and after-school program. Help to identify outside sources of funding for program sustainability and growth.