

# Tier 3 Schools –

Must be a Title 1 School and must submit a scholarship application



Tier 3 Schools need a bit more work to realize their full potential. Whether they have lots of land that they are struggling to maintain to there has been a change in the garden leadership, WCG will be there to help you get your garden growing again! Schools in the Tier 3 program will receive:

- Access to Wasatch Community Gardens' staff time in the form of four site visits a year (see inset for site visit agenda options)
- Scholarships to Wasatch Community Gardens' standard fee organic gardening workshops
- Volunteer assistance (as available)
- Access to Wasatch Community Gardens' Seedling Share
- Four weeks of garden-based classes taught by Wasatch Community Gardens' staff
- Work parties and volunteer days organized and led by Wasatch Community Gardens' staff and the Garden Leadership Team of the school



The teaching weeks are the backbone of the Tier 3 program. Using time-tested curriculum, Wasatch Community Gardens' staff will plant and maintain enough beds needed to host 4 weeks of garden lessons at the school. Typically, Wasatch Community Gardens' staff comes to the school and 'takes over' a PE rotation for one week four times a year— ensuring that every student gets to come out to the garden for a whole year of garden/nutrition lessons. Of course, we would work closely with your school to design a program that works best for all the teachers and students at your school!

*In addition to the teaching weeks, Tier 3 schools will also get four site visits a year focused on garden maintenance and teacher training. These site visits will last 1-1.5 hours and will follow one of the following outlines:*

#### 1. Work Party

We know that sometimes just working out in the garden is the best way to get to know a garden. The host Garden Leadership Team will gather interested parents, teachers, and community members for the work session. Wasatch Community Gardens' staff will assist the Garden Leadership Team in determining what is most needed and will help lead the work party. Whether we are trellising, planting, weeding common spaces, putting the garden to bed, or painting garden signs, the work parties will be informal, educational, and timely for the season. Wasatch Community Gardens will provide resources as needed.

#### 2. Indoor Workshop

The most requested assistance that we get is from educators asking how to incorporate the garden into their classroom. If this sounds like your school, Wasatch Community Gardens' staff will lead a lecture-style workshop on timely curriculum, right out in your garden! Teachers, parents, and volunteers, will learn about garden lessons in a small group environment where there are ample opportunities to ask questions.

#### 3. Development/Visioning/Fundraising Assistance

We understand how challenging it is to grapple with all the design options of starting a new garden or with navigating a change in leadership. Whether the garden is in the development phase, is expanding, or there has been a change in leadership, a Wasatch Community Gardens' staff member will sit down with the Garden Leadership team to discuss planning, fundraising ideas, what's working, etc.

#### 4. Volunteer Work Day (as resources are available)

If there is one thing that we know, it's that gardens take WORK. Wasatch Community Gardens' staff will work with the Garden Leadership Team to schedule volunteer days for major garden projects.