



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MONTEREY

The mission of the International School of Monterey is to educate all children toward becoming conscientious, compassionate, and responsible citizens of the world.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in strong support of the HELP Farm Fresh School program, in the hopes that it will not only continue but also expand at the International School of Monterey (ISM) in 2007-08 and beyond.

The program was piloted with one third, one fourth, and one fifth grade class - a total of 70 students - during the 2006-07 school year, although we tried to include other classes and grades when funding would permit. The participating partner programs (CSUMB Farm to School Program, Life Lab, Just Run) and their representatives were clearly passionate about their programs and passed this on to our students. Just a few supportive comments from participating teachers:

"The program is well-rounded in that it has provided the training, money, materials, guests and regular meetings to guide progress."

"I think it has been great - love to expand so that we are planting and using the stuff in the garden more."

"I feel the just run program part was a huge success. It has gotten our kids to be more active and actually take part in running events. I have been thrilled to be part of that process."

and students:

"The school garden was cool, especially when we harvested the stuff for our lunch program."

"Running in Just Run at school and on the weekends made me go A LOT faster at the Big Sur 5K."

"I think I know what to eat better now, to make sure I'm eating healthy and not getting fat. I help my mom with this too."

HELP has provided funds, training, on-site facilitation of activities, and curriculum materials for the wellness program. We would like to see all students benefit from the HELP program continuing at ISM. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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