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Students to Sell Produce at Year-End Farmers Market Event Highlights School-Based Gardening, Promotes a Healthy Community

WHAT: Student gardeners from 11 Montebello Unified elementary, intermediate and high schools are gearing up to sell fresh, organic produce grown on their campuses during this year's final installment of the MUSD Farmers Market events. This marketplace serves to provide a low-cost alternative to grocery store-bought fruits and vegetables, while promoting health throughout MUSD's communities.

Students from Bell Gardens, Cesar Chavez, Garfield, Suva, Wilcox, Winter Gardens elementary schools; Bell Gardens, Macy and Suva intermediate schools; as well as Bell Gardens High, and new student garden members from La Merced Elementary will sell tomatoes, celery, onions, leafy greens, fruits and herbs, as well as school spirit items to support their gardens. The event will take place rain or shine.

Also available for attendees are free health and wellness services by Family Health Care Centers of Greater Los Angeles. Demonstrations will also be provided by Bell Gardens High School GREEN Pathway and the Applied Technology Center Health Sciences Pathway. The Los Angeles County Public Health Department will also be in attendance.

Entertainment will be provided by 2013 Bell Gardens High School alumnus DJ Sweet Baby J (Juan Herrera, Jr.), Bell Gardens High School Jazz Ensemble and the BGI Generation Dance Team.

For more information, the community may contact John Garza at (562) 927-1319.

WHEN: **Saturday, December 13**
9 a.m. to noon

WHERE: Bell Gardens Intermediate School
5841 Live Oak St.
Bell Gardens, CA

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WHY: Over the past seven years, Montebello Unified has hosted these Farmers Markets events to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables, while spreading awareness about the importance of healthy eating, both in schools and at home.

More than 2,000 students at 20 schools are involved in gardening programs throughout Montebello Unified, and the District and its partners have sought grants to expand their programs, incorporate gardening activities into their curriculum and promote principles of sustainability and water conservation. The District aims to implement student-run gardens at each school to create a healthier school district, and in turn, a healthier community.

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