



CRITERIA FOR NEW SCHOOLS

To ensure a smooth establishment of an educational garden program at your school we want to make sure your school is the right fit and is prepared to take on a few of the responsibilities that it requires. Please read through the criteria and check them off.

- ☐ **One head teacher who acts as the liaison** between GUO and your school: our main contact to schedule in workshops, deliveries and make decisions.
- ☐ **Involvement of the custodian.** You'll want to have your custodian team on board as they will need to help with setting up your watering system and storing supplies.
- ☐ **Involvement of administration/Principal OR VP?**
- ☐ **Maintenance plan for summer months?** School is out for the summer - so it's up to the garden team to find parents/grand-parents/students/volunteers/community members/neighbors... to help with the garden maintenance during July and August. Tasks will probably include weeding, watering and harvesting...
- ☐ **3 eager/motivated teachers or classes.** This helps to properly establish the program at your school and accounts for staff change and transitions.
- ☐ Our main goal is to help set-up gardens and support teachers through our workshops until they have enough tools to be independent. Afterwards we would like to see the program grow, continue, change, adapt... Do you think your school is interested in maintaining gardens without GUO?
- ☐ GUO provides the basic supplies for 3 garden beds (3 x 8ft). If your school is interested in growing the program, it will be up to your school to assume costs such as buying watering cans, trowels, adding rain barrels...This could require a small budget every year. Is this something you think your school can maintain?