

## Greater Lowell Technical High School Gryphon Garden and Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation

Greater Lowell Technical High School announces the expansion of the Gryphon Garden. The expansion is part of the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation and KidsGardening Gro More Grassroots Initiative, which seeks to connect more children with the life-enhancing and transformative benefits of gardening. This year, 175 gardens were awarded a collective \$100,000 throughout the United States.

Instructor, Tara Alcorn and Title I Facilitator, Cheryl Ann Bomal received a \$5f00.00 Gro More Grassroots Grant to expand the existing Gryphon Garden to include a Three Sisters Garden of corn, beans and squash, as well as expanding the pollinator garden by adding plants like milkweed, coneflower and butterfly weed. Once the project is complete, students will help the garden grow and maintain it until the harvest is ready to pick. This experience brings students and staff together working together to enjoy the benefits of gardening.

Helen Rortvedt, Executive Director of KidsGardening says, “We see how gardening improves kids’ lives every day. The Gro More Grassroots Grant allows us to give thousands of children the opportunity to play, learn and grow in the garden, sparking a curiosity and a wonder that will last a lifetime.”

Superintendent Joseph Mastrocola said, “We are honored to receive grant support from the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation for the Three Sisters Garden. It is our hope that this garden will help to create life-long garden growers and to continue to improve the lives of the children we serve.”

