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COUNCIL CHAIR INGRID M. TURNER VISITS DUVAL HS “GARDEN OF EATIN” PROJECT

Council Chair Turner visits DuVal HS Young Scientists as they prepare a Garden funded by a Grant

On Thursday, April 14, 2011 at DuVal High School in Lanham, MD, Prince George's County Council Chair Ingrid M. Turner (D) – District 4, watched and participated as over 30 students prepared several beds for a garden of plants, fruits and vegetables.

During fiscal year 2011, Council Chair Turner provided the DuVal HS horticulture program with a \$1,175 grant to purchase seeds, tools, plants and other material resources to assist the young people in their gardening effort. This year, the project was named the “Garden of Eatin.” This is the second year that Council Chair Turner has awarded a grant to this project.

“It was my pleasure to visit the students while they shoveled, pulled weeds, and tilled the soil.” Council Chair Turner said. “The horticulture program at DuVal is a great program and I believe it helps the students in many ways. First, under the skillful guidance of Mr. Paris Easley, this program helps the students develop gardening skills and obtain a real understanding of horticulture. And, second, I believe it empowers the students to make healthier food choices and improve the school environment by making use of unused schoolyard.”

The “Garden of Eatin” project, facilitated by Mr. Parris Easley, teacher and mentor for the Young Scientists’ Club at DuVal High School, began earlier this year and has excited many of the students about gardening. He has over 40 students participating in the program.

Mr. Easley was very appreciative of the grant Council Chair Turner provided to support the project. “The funding from the grant allowed the Young Scientists here at DuVal to purchase high quality tools and planting supplies from the Patuxent Nursery in Bowie. Without Council Chair Turner’s support, many of our students would not be able to complete their community service requirement for graduation with a high school diploma. The students and I truly appreciate your recent visit and sincerely thank you and the council for your on-going support.”

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Council Chair Turner stands with Mr. Parris Easley (back), Assistant Principal Wheeler (center) and students from the Young Scientists program.



DuVal High School students working in the garden.

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