

## **Grants Committee Recommendation – Paul Revere Charter Middle School**

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of **\$10,000** from donations that PPCC has received to Paul Revere Charter Middle School (PRCMS), via the school’s PRIDE Booster Club (PBC), toward the cost of rebuilding and replanting, large-scale clean-up and restoration of the PRCMS Farm – actions required to return the Farm (a key PRCMS program) to safe, functional conditions after sustaining extensive wildfire-related damage from the Palisades Fire.

The PBC explains that the PRCMS Farm “is one of the largest school-based agricultural education programs in LAUSD and a vital shared resource for more than 1,500 students and their families.” PRCMS is the only public middle school serving the Palisades and Brentwood communities. Its diverse student population includes over 200 families who were impacted by the Palisades Fire. PRCMS serves a vital role as a community hub for resilience and recovery efforts across our areas. It is also the primary feeder middle school for Palisades High School, and, as the PBC acknowledges, “families’ decisions to stay in or leave the Palisades community are often made during these middle school years.”

The PBC also emphasizes: “PRCMS is a critical part of the Palisades educational ecosystem, and if Revere is weakened, the entire Palisades community feels the impact.”

The PBC grant application sets forth in detail the nature and extent of the work required to restore the Farm, including soil remediation and replacement, rebuilding of raised beds and planting areas, extensive clean-up, replanting crops, and extended hours of feeding and care for the well-being of the Farm animals evacuated during the Fire (5 goats, 12 chickens, 1 rooster, 2 rabbits and 1 “elderly” guinea pig), whose routines must be re-established once they are returned to campus.<sup>1</sup>

The Grants Committee agrees with the PBC that PPCC’s investment in the Farm’s restoration will assist in “keeping families anchored, maintaining the student pipeline to Palisades High School, and ensuring that the Palisades community can truly recover rather than continue to erode in the years following the fires.” We believe that this grant supports the goal of overall Palisades Fire Recovery; the Committee therefore requests that the PPCC Board approve a \$10,000 grant toward PRCMS Farm restoration, as described above.

### ***By the PPCC Grants Committee:***

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<sup>1</sup> The PBC advises that the total cost estimate for the Farm’s restoration as described above is \$21,200. The Grants Committee maintains that a grant of \$10,000 would be a meaningful contribution toward restoring this critical and beloved PRCMS program.