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## NEWS ADVISORY

### **Franklin Elementary Urban Greening Grant Dedication Ceremony**

Glendale, CA – On Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., Franklin Elementary students, families, and community leaders will gather to celebrate the completion of their Urban Greening project. Senator Anthony Portantino, Glendale Mayor Vartan Gharpetian, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency Julie Alvis, GUSD Board Members, and Superintendent Winfred Roberson will be in attendance to cut the ribbon with Franklin Elementary administrators and members of the Benjamin Franklin Elementary Foundation.

The Benjamin Franklin Elementary Foundation received a one-million dollar grant from the California Natural Resources Agency under Proposition 84 to improve the sustainability and livability of California's communities. The Urban Greening project endeavors to reduce air and water pollution by replacing over 30,000 square feet of asphalt with permeable surfaces and native habitat gardens. Over 43 California native trees and over 600 California native drought-tolerant plants that are water wise, easy to maintain, and support the local ecosystem, have been planted on the Franklin campus to give students and the school community access to healthy green spaces during the school day.

The GUSD offices of Planning and Development and Facility and Support Operations supported the development, and will continue to maintain, the new green space at Franklin.

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