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To the members of the Board of Trustees,

Belle Haven School would like to rename our Kindergarten garden and paint a mural in honor of one of our previous Kindergarten teachers, Jose Ibarra. Jose Ibarra was a beloved teacher by all staff and students.

We would like to rename the garden because Jose dedicated himself to it. He always took care of the garden on his own time as well as with his students. He used the garden as a tool to teach his students about life. His family is also part of the Belle Haven community and his father helped out frequently. Please see image 2 for a picture of the garden.

We also would like to have a mural painted on a wall in the Kindergarten area. This mural is to honor Jose, as a teacher. The mural covers a variety of aspects our students encounter here at school, such as our mascot, students learning on technology, reading books, students with disabilities, music, art, and gardening. Please see image 1 for a picture of the mural. Please see image 3 for the location of the mural.

Our school site council voted unanimously to approve both the renaming of the garden as well as painting the mural on the wall at our meeting on December 3, 2020. The Ravenswood Education Foundation has offered to help with funding for a plaque to place in the garden as well as for paint. The mural itself will be painted by volunteers including Mr. Ibarra's family and partner.

Sincerely,



Michelle Masuda Lee, Principal

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Image 1



Image 2



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