

PTO / PTA funding kit

Everything to bring a grow lab to your PTO

Email to forward to your PTO

Subject: A \$1,000 classroom project I'd love the PTO to consider

Hi [PTO contact], I'd love to bring a hands-on program to my classroom where students grow their own food while learning science and nutrition. It's run by the Boston Youth Farm Project. The full program is \$1,000 for my class of [X] students (about \$12 a child), includes everything, and is reusable year after year. Could I have five minutes at the next meeting to share it? Thank you, [Your name]

Two slides for the meeting

Slide 1 — What it is: Students grow microgreens in our classroom over four weeks; they learn plant science, nutrition and where food comes from; run by BYFP in Boston schools since 2023; no outdoor space needed.

Slide 2 — The ask: \$1,000 for the whole class, about \$12 per student; reusable every year (\$165 to grow again); great photos and a story for the school community; tax-deductible (BYFP is a 501(c)(3)).

Why a PTO says yes

It is concrete and finishable, benefits up to 84 students and future years, and produces exactly the photos and feel-good story PTOs love. Offer to have students write thank-you notes or invite the PTO to Salad Day.