



**NNDSB's Outdoor Learning Partnership
Proposal with Re-Nature**

WHY WE ❤️ OUTDOOR LEARNING





Impactful and engaging education often comes through experiential learning opportunities.

Re-Nature is a Canadian non-profit organization that creates regenerative landscapes for schools – addressing mental health, climate change and education equity.

Re-Nature's goal is that every school in Canada will have its own forest and outdoor learning space, and every educator will have the support they need to use it.



Sample Design



- 1 blackboard
- 1 curriculum cabinet
- 8 milled benches
- 1 teacher station
- 8 sculpted stump seats
- 1 carved chair or spiral bench
- 100 feet Eco Restoration logs.
- 50+ trees

Nature
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Four Guiding Principles



Educators will take their children outside if there is a forest to provide shade, a classroom to teach, a mentor to lean on, and a curriculum to teach.

The Role of the Municipality

- Support Near North District School Board in applying for the "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" (GCCC) program through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) via resolution tonight.
- The lifetime value of the GCCC is 10 million dollars per municipality and each school board is asking to access \$50,000 per school site.

There is no cost to the municipality

Next Steps

- Pass a resolution of support from participating municipalities
- Complete applications for FCM's GCCC program for the schools where we have municipal support
- If approved for the grants, design and install the outdoor learning spaces Spring/Summer/Fall 2027





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