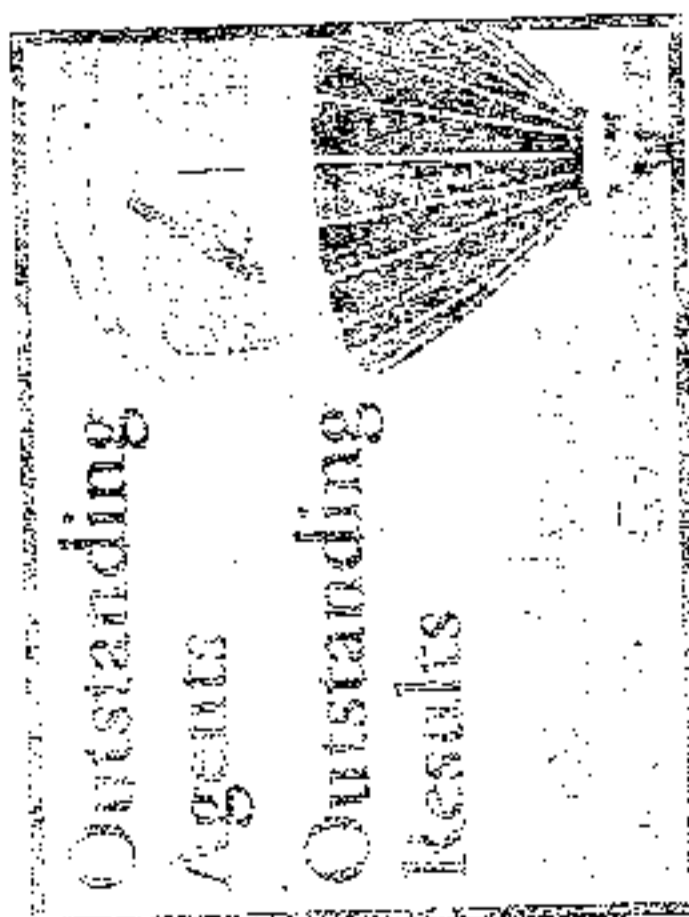


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Food For Thought gets two-year \$80,000 grant for Healthy Schools Program

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Food For Thought, which last year received a grant for a pilot project called Up and Down the Waste Stream, has received a two-year \$80,000 anonymous grant to continue greening our schools with its Green and Healthy Schools Program.

The grant funds the program to develop a more sustainable model for our schools and our children. It gives partners FFT, a local nonprofit that raises a healthy awareness of the food we eat, and the Ojai Unified School District, the funds to move forward.

"This year we are expanding our program to all the schools in the district," said Marty Fujita, vice president and founder of FFT. She added, "We can save both kinds of green. We are not just looking at the waste stream, but looking at the whole footprint of the school, including all resources."

That's a tall order, but FFT and OUSD are definitely on the road. With ongoing projects including school gardens, nutrition education, and its farm-to-field program, FFT provides a base for the expansion.

In June 2008, OUSD passed the Green and Healthy Schools Resolution. The resolution called for a two-year program, using the FFT team to provide advice and help, to structure a comprehensive Green Plan. The Green Plan laid out priorities and actions for OUSD, including instituting a sustainability curriculum and service-learning projects at all school campuses. It also called for examining all purchasing, operating

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