



March 29, 2024

Tyler Schwartze  
Executive Director  
Conservation Federation of Missouri  
728 West Main Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Schwartze,

Thank you for your letter dated March 18, 2024. We have received the resolution you reference in the letter and below is our response. These methods discussed below have been the most successful to providing instructors with information and resources with the request you outlined in the resolution.

1. We can offer the service to email out information you have to share to our email listserv. We have a policy of not sharing our advisors' emails but offer an organization like Conservation Federation of Missouri the service to send us a flyer and informational email and we share with our instructors. If you desire this method, you can send information to me at [keith.dietzschold@dese.mo.gov](mailto:keith.dietzschold@dese.mo.gov)
2. We can also visit about the opportunity to have the Conservation Federation of Missouri and/or Grow Nativeo offer a workshop time slot(s) at our summer agricultural education teachers convention, their organization is called Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association (MVATA). These workshops would occur in Springfield the third week of July. We are not too late to schedule for the summer of 2024, but would need to accomplish this by end of May 2024. If this is a method, you deem acceptable I can connect you with our Professional Development Specialist to iron out the details. The outline or topics we have thought of are outlined below:
  - a. Discuss ways to incorporate native plants in their annual fundraiser plant sales.
  - b. Why this is a good program to add to their current plans.
  - c. Resources for growing native plants in their school greenhouse.
  - d. Availability of seeds and/or plants and where to acquire these.
  - e. Production information
  - f. Marketing assistance
  - g. Pricing points for the plants
3. Finally, our Professional Development Specialist schedules a workshop opportunity we call summer institutes. These can occur in 1 day up to a week in length located at a facility where teachers would travel to and receive information and resources on a program such as this. Once again contact me and I can put in touch with the specialist if you desire.

I look forward to continuing this conversation if your committee desires.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Dietzschold". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Keith Dietzschold  
Agricultural Education Director