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I am the parent of an environmental educator at Sauvie Island Center. My daughter went to Portland Public Schools and decided to become an environmental steward due to programs such as Outdoor School, the community garden at her elementary school, and Girl Scouts. She chose a small college because of its focus on sustainable farming and environmental education. She got a master's in education with environmental focus. Her organization, Sauvie Island Center, has served primarily low income elementary school children for over 20 years. They come out to the farm and learn the connection between farming and the food. They get hands-on learning that will inspire them to be gardeners, farmers and environmental educators in the future. Please continue finding this important program that promotes environmental justice, climate change, and sustainability that are essential to our children's future. Thank you for doing this important work.