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San Francisco's Rosa Parks School Wins Green Campus Contest

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SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. -- The Rosa Parks Elementary School in San Francisco's Western Addition has won a green makeover valued at \$250,000 as the grand prize in the Green Schools Initiative competition.

The "Green My School" contest among San Francisco public schools was one of three in the nation that were launched in fall. Competitions were also held in Chicago and Miami, where the winners have yet to be announced.

The Rosa Parks school's entry was a video filmed as a student newscast that featured interviews about the urban garden, composting and other eco-friendly programs devised by kids on campus. In the video, the children also shared their vision for a green school, including wishes for a solar rooftop.

The winning entry and its competition can be viewed here.

EcoMedia and the CBS Corporation are the chief sponsors of the "Green My School" contest. U.S. Green Building Council, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, EPA/Energy Star, Waterkeeper Alliance, city and school officials and various corporate sponsors served on the selection committee for the competition. Sponsorships from Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Microsoft, TCP, O Organics and federal agencies are funding the makeover.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and representatives of the key organizations went to the Rosa Parks school on Friday to announce the campus' win and join the students' celebration.