

October 6, 2022 - School Waste Reduction Kickoff - America Recycles Day - November 15

School Waste Bans, School Recycling Policy and appropriate school signage should be in place. Campaign to Join The Green Team.

AGENDA

Opening 9:30am (30 minutes)

- Greeting and welcome new members – discuss why this group was formed
- Things to note
 - All municipal buildings, including schools, are required to have recycling in place to qualify for grants
 - Information about Green SWoRD was included in The Green Team letter to Superintendents
 - Green SWoRD will be tabling at Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) and Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Joint Conference on November 2 & 3 and the Massachusetts Facilities Administrators' Association (MFAA) and Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) Expo on November 15 - developing handouts for subgroups
- Introductions: Name, municipality, your role, one thing you're struggling with at your schools

Go over our Google site 10:00am (10 minutes)

- Ask for suggestions of references we can add to site (Links for Green Teams, Recycling Committees, etc.)

Update on Subgroups from last 3 months of work 10:10am (15 minutes)

- Institutionalizing School Waste Reduction & Diversion Policies
 - School Waste Reduction Policy
 - List of tasks to add to job descriptions
 - Institutionalizing Sustainability in schools by having a "Sustainability Champion (following DEI and Health & Wellness models)
- Transitioning from Single Use Disposable to Reusable Food Serviceware
 - Focus will be on dishwashers, trays and plates
 - Have a session on Reusables in Schools during MassDEP's RRRecyclePalooza in November
 - Looking for some munis to highlight!
- School Organics Collection for On-Site & Off-Site Composting
 - Why compost? - Food waste ban for schools with 0.5 tons per week starting November 1, 2022
 - Calculations from RecyclingWorks MA (food waste estimation calculator for K-12 schools)
 - Need to think about this for budget - Cost Analysis of composting (Winchester) - Graphics
 - Presentation for municipal officials re: new waste bans and the potential impact to schools

Segway to....

Statewide Solid Waste Reduction & Diversion Working Group - Green SWoRD

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- School Sustainability Program Kickoff & Events (Earth Day, America Recycles Day, Green Week, Locker/Desk Cleanout)
 - Join The Green Team!
 - Effective ways to reintroduce recycling and composting – brainstorm ideas & hear from munis

Closing 10:55am (5 minutes)

- Recruit for all subgroups
 - Stress need for new members for School Sustainability Program Kickoff & Events
- Next Meeting – February 1, 2023