

Hello "Superintendent Name,

I had emailed you some time back about recycling in our district schools. While all of the schools likely have some basic recycling in place, there may be an opportunity to expand it further -- e.g., in the kitchen and cafeteria with recycling of plastic, cans and bottles. It will be useful to know whether our schools have these more comprehensive recycling in place.

I am also a member of a statewide working group on school recycling, and another thing that I'm seeing many school districts moving towards is composting of food waste. Here's a calculation I ran using our district's enrollment data and a state provided estimate of food waste:

Elementary Schools = $1067 * 1.13 \approx 1205$ lbs / week

Middle School = $564 * 0.73 \approx 410$ lbs / week

High School = $638 * 0.35 \approx 225$ lbs / week

Total ≈ 1840 lbs of food waste per week ≈ 0.92 tons per week

There are state grants for schools that can be utilized towards curbside composting as well as expanded recycling. If there's interest, I will be happy to assist the schools in any way that I can. I realize that it's especially busy this time of the year with exams and other end of year activities; however, this is a long drawn process and my intent is to just get a conversation going.

Please let me know if you would like more information from me or, if you are interested, how we can proceed.

Thank you and best wishes,

"Your Name"