

Sustainable School Pilot Program Walking Assembly Script

Introduction

Hello, my name is _____ and I am here to tell you about a waste reduction program that will be starting on our campus (**date here**). There are 800 schools in LAUSD and only 13 were chosen to be a part of the Sustainable School Pilot Program, and our school is one of them! A nonprofit organization, Grades of Green, and LAUSD's waste hauler, Republic Services, are working to help us become one of the most environmentally friendly schools in the district. Our school as selected because (**reasons here**).

The Facts

Our school currently produces **XXX** bags of trash per day at lunchtime alone. We have set a goal to reduce that number to **XXX** bags per day or less, which would divert over **XXX** bags of waste from going to the landfill each year. We are going to do this by improving our campus recycling program as well as introducing a pilot composting program and we need your involvement to make these programs successful.

Recycling

For starters, we will be pairing each of the trash cans in the eating area with a recycle can. Here are some examples of things we can put in the recycle cans if they are basically clean and empty (**show examples**). We will also have blue recycle containers inside all of our classrooms. We recommend placing them next to a trash can. All paper, plastic, and metal cans can go into these containers too.

Sorting

At lunchtime, we will have a sorting system set up (**location here**). The sorting system allows us to separate our waste into liquid waste, compostable fruit and veggie scraps, recyclables, landfill waste, and tray stacking (**show photo of sorting system**). The trays will get recycled. The compostable fruit and veggie waste will be put in a mantis compost tumbler (**show photo**). Only fresh fruit and veggie scraps, like apple cores and banana peels can go into this composter. Please don't put any meat, bread, cheese, or junk food in here! The composter is really cool because we are able to add leaves to it, turn it, and after about 4 months we will have finished soil we can use in our campus garden.

Reducing

Also, whenever possible, it's best to reduce the amount of waste we make in the first place. So if you are able to bring any reusable items to school like reusable water bottles that really helps our school decrease waste. We can also reduce by simply refusing to take more than we need. So if you need a napkin or ketchup packet, only take what you will use, that way you are not creating extra waste.

Closing

We are so excited to start this program and we hope you do your part in making our school eco-friendly! will keep you updated on how the program is going through (**morning announcements?**) Go (**school mascot here**)