

Agenda Topic: 2025-2027 Ramsey County School Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Submission
Meeting Date: June 10, 2025
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Background:

For the past several years, under the leadership of Todd Lieser, buildings and grounds supervisor, and Angela Richey and Maria Amerman, nutrition services supervisors, school sites have been working to implement a districtwide best practices waste, recycling and organic waste management program. Two earlier Public Entity Innovation Grants (PEIG) allowed all of our elementary schools to successfully implement best practices.

The project scope included an upgrade to existing cafeteria sort tables and the single stream recycling program; capturing milk cartons in single stream recycling; switching from disposable to reusable foodservice trays and silverware; and developing a standard operating procedure and best practices for a waste, recycling and organic waste management program.

Administration is seeking approval for a 2025-2027 School Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant in the amount of \$190,000 to expand this program to our secondary school sites.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the board approve the submission of a 2025-2027 School Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant.

 X Action Required

 Informational – No Board Action Requested