



May 24, 2021

To: Dr. Josh Swanson  
From: Business Office  
Re: Recycling Grant

The Eden Prairie Schools Child Nutrition Department was awarded a grant from the Hennepin County Environment and Energy Department. The \$4,800 will be used to replace disposable food ware with reusable food ware starting with the 2021-22 school year.

The pandemic has created significantly more waste than we have ever experienced in our program. Currently we have been using disposable food ware for serving; items like trays, bowls and clamshells. The grant will allow us to purchase washable food ware which will reduce waste in our dumpsters and recycling bins and provide some financial stability within the budget. We will also use this as an opportunity to educate students and staff on reducing waste by using reusable food ware.

Included in the board packet is a resolution required by Hennepin County to be approved by the board. This action will allow the district to use these funds to purchase new reusable food ware and be ready to serve Eden Prairie families for the 2021-22 school year.