

## Resolution 1718R-016

### By Director Voss

WHEREAS, MPS has identified three goals that are essential to the accomplishment of the MPS's vision and mission, the third being effective and efficient operations; and

WHEREAS, The core beliefs of Milwaukee Public Schools provide that "Increased operational and financial efficiencies are consistently pursued to support learning opportunities for our students"; and

WHEREAS, In September 2016, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors adopted the Eight Big Ideas operational plan; and

WHEREAS, The MPS Eight Big Ideas operational plan includes improving organizational processes as a strategic objective in the area of effective and efficient operations; and

WHEREAS, In December 2017 the Milwaukee Board of School Directors took action to adopt Resolution 1718R-004, regarding school nutrition, which included the use of compostable/recyclable trays and plates to decrease food waste generated by school breakfast and school lunch; and

WHEREAS, Composting and recycling provides long-term cost savings by reducing waste and saving money on organic materials for landscaping use, with some school districts reporting reductions in waste-removal costs of 50%; and

WHEREAS, Composting and recycling programs provide students with hands-on learning in the areas of the recycling process, chemical and biological processes, and sustainability, while empowering students to take positive environmental action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board direct the Administration to develop opportunities for schools to participate in a pilot ~~a district-wide~~ composting and recycling program for the 2018-19 school year; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That in developing the pilot composting and recycling program:

- schools with current school-based composting and recycling programs be used as models ~~for district-wide implementation~~;
- composting and recycling curriculum and learning activities be explored;
- participation in food-share programs be explored as a recycling strategy;
- partnership opportunities, such as those currently offered to MPS by Compost Crusader, be sought out;
- opportunities for cost savings in waste and recycling services be prioritized;
- recommendations and guidelines from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the US Composting Council, and other leaders in composting and recycling be considered; and
- the district work with interested schools to identify funding sources such as grants for the program ~~be centralized~~; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an update on the planning and implementation of the program be brought to the Board no later than the ~~June~~ October 2018 Board cycle.

*January 25, 2018*