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Eagle County Schools Launches District-Wide Waste Reduction Program

Program aims to reduce current landfill waste from Eagle County Schools by 70%

Eagle, CO – Eagle County School District announced their goal to reduce its current landfill waste by 70% through a district-wide waste reduction program. Early in 2020, the Board of Education supported the establishment of Green Teams at all district schools. The grant-funded program was set to launch last spring, but was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

With the assistance of building principals, each school has identified a staff member who will be their onsite Green Team Leader. These champions will lead the programs at their buildings and create student-focused Green Teams to share educational messages and goals for the waste reduction program at their schools.

This May, Green Team Leaders will begin collecting baseline data for their buildings by conducting waste audits to evaluate the current behavior of students and staff at their schools. The collected data will help schools identify the amount of recyclable materials and compostable items currently being sent to the landfill, which will in turn enable future audits to monitor the success of their diversion efforts.

The program outlines a three-year plan to reduce waste in Eagle County Schools:

- Year One: Focus on comprehensive recycling efforts.
- Year Two: Add composting at school buildings.
- Year Three: Enhance sustainable education efforts at schools for additional waste and energy reduction.

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