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Small Business Teams Up With Local School To Debut Alternative Waste Management Program

Waste Less Living, Inc. a local environmental company specializing in zero waste consulting and composting services, just recently launched a new waste management program at High Point Academy School in Pasadena. The goal of the program is to divert a minimum of at least 66% and as much as 96% of its waste stream from reaching the landfill. This is far greater than what municipalities are required by law (AB 939) to divert...which is 50%.

The program is intended to combat the ever increasing waste that is ending up in our landfills. John Higgins, the Headmaster, stated "that with 350 students, a staff of 40 and 30 classrooms and offices, we were generating a huge amount of trash everyday....We realized that with a little bit of effort we could reduce by 88-96% the waste that was sent to landfills which contribute to the production of methane gas and leachate, typically associated with landfills."

Having also learned from Christine Lenches-Hinkel, Founder/CEO of Waste Less Living, Inc. that 86% of all U.S. landfills actually leak and that up to 2/3 of the waste sent to landfills on a daily basis is actually compostable and 100% biodegradable waste, the school was compelled to do something about their waste. They were not only sold on the idea that there was another method for waste disposal, they were also attracted to the educational component Waste Less Living had to offer. With Waste Less Living's involvement, students are trained on the merits of composting, the function, design and environmental impacts associated with landfills, and managing the waste they generate in a more eco-friendly and environmentally responsible way.

Within just the first couple of weeks of school, a 77% diversion rate was achieved with approximately 642.5 lbs of waste being sent out for composting. The key to the program is on-site sorting of the waste materials into either compostable, recyclable or plain trash containers. All compostable/biodegradable is sent out for composting at a commercially operated facility.

If all goes according to plan, the school could potentially divert a total of 29, 610 lbs of waste from going to the landfill over the course of the school year and boast a 92% diversion rate.

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