



Project Green Challenge : Part 2 Summary

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Our goal was to create and establish a composting program at Edina High School as our school recently stopped composting during quarantine and all waste bins were misused. We also wanted to switch from using toxic styrofoam lunch trays back to using compostable trays. The first step in fighting for these changes was to create a strong network. First we tried to start a network with our school and local government, but we realized quickly that they were either unresponsive or unable to help us. Even though we attempted to meet with officials and performed the needed task to hold a meeting, we soon came to the realization that our school was too entrenched in non-progressive ways.

We came to the realization that, even though it is difficult to change the viewpoints of a conservative school, we can teach individuals in our community of their impact and create a larger group of people on our side. Many people at our school are uneducated on the impacts of their waste, so by speaking to the general student population, we are able to get a larger community with us. We have learned that there are always ways to solve the problems even if the most direct solution has roadblocks. It is very easy to lose hope when it seems like nothing will change, but we have found that by showing dedication and perseverance we will ultimately encourage others to keep their hope and continue to fight to make change. We learned to respond to NO.