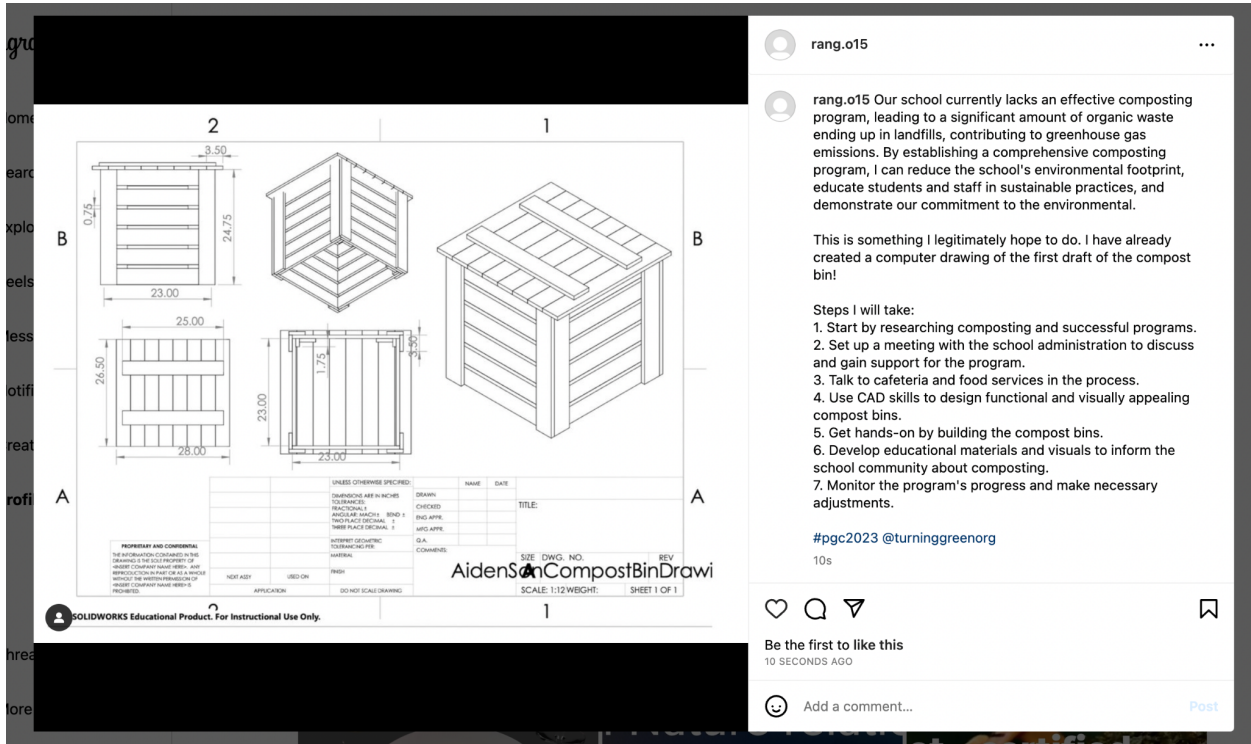


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I'm really passionate about composting because it's an essential part of reducing waste and minimizing our environmental impact. Right now, my school could do better in this area because we generate a lot of organic waste that often ends up in landfills. This contributes to pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, which isn't great for the planet. By focusing on composting, we can become more eco-friendly and take a big step towards sustainability.

Our school currently lacks an effective composting program, leading to a significant amount of organic waste ending up in landfills, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions. By establishing a comprehensive composting program, I can educate the school's environmental footprint, engage students and staff in sustainable practices, and demonstrate our commitment to environmental stewardship.

Steps I'll Take:

1. Research: I'll start by doing some research to understand the benefits of composting and how it can work at my school. I'll look at successful composting programs at other schools to get some ideas. One example is the University of California, Davis, which has an impressive composting initiative. I'll study what they're doing right and see if we can adapt some of their practices
2. Talk to School Administration: To make this happen, I'll need the school's support. I'll set up a meeting with the school administration to discuss my plan and explain why it's important.
3. Talk to Cafeteria: Since the cafeteria generates a lot of organic waste, I'll talk to the people in charge of food services. They can be crucial partners in getting a composting program off the ground.
4. Design Compost Bins: I have some CAD (Computer-Aided Design) skills, and I'll use them to create plans for wooden compost bins. These bins will be an essential part of our composting program, and I want them to be both functional and good-looking. (I have already done the first draft of this step!)
5. Build the Compost Bins: Once I have the designs ready, I'll get to work building the compost bins. This hands-on part will require some carpentry skills, but I'm excited about it.
6. Educate the School: To get everyone on board, I'll design educational materials and visuals to explain the importance of composting and how to use the new bins.
7. Monitor Progress: I'll track how well the program is doing and make adjustments if needed. It's important to measure waste diversion rates and see how much compost we're producing.

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