

Team: Ecosphere Awareness

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Educate Your Community

To educate our community about the risks of synthetic pesticides, we could host a “Pesticide-Free Campus” info booth or mini presentation explaining the link between pesticides and pollinator loss, soil health, and student well-being. We could also share facts on social media or in morning announcements.

Safer Alternatives

- Organic compost, mulch, and native plants instead of chemical fertilizers.
- Neem oil or vinegar-based weed control instead of glyphosate.
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) focusing on prevention, soil health, and biodiversity instead of toxic sprays.

Actionable Steps

- Phase out synthetic herbicides and insecticides.
- Create pollinator-friendly zones with wildflowers and native grasses.
- Conduct soil tests to monitor health instead of relying on chemical “quick fixes.”
- Install signage showcasing organically managed areas.

Email to School Administrator

Hi,

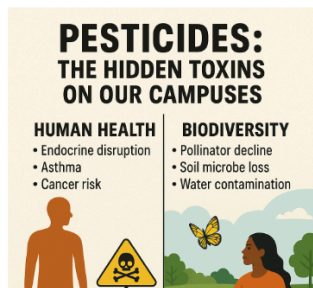
My name is Tiffany and I am a student here at Jericho High School. Our beautiful campus grounds are an integral part of why I love this school so much, and the landscape is such a large part of our identity as a school. That is why I would love to see our campus become [Green Grounds Certified](#). This certification goes beyond just how our campus appears, and delves into how we are taking care of the very ground our campus sits on. With an emphasis on improving soil health and climate resilience, reducing water needs and increasing carbon sequestration, becoming Green Grounds Certified will help our campus get recognition for not only how beautiful it is, but how wonderfully it is managed.

[Re:wild Your Campus's](#) Green Grounds Certification is establishing a new standard of land care that prioritizes human and environmental health. Through the elimination of synthetic pesticides and implementation of organic practices we will be reducing the threats posed by synthetic inputs (many of which are carcinogenic, harmful to wildlife and waterways), and improving our campus ecosystems. This is a really exciting way to improve campus sustainability efforts and make our campus more attractive to potential students and donors. You can learn more about how we can make our campus healthier, safer, and greener [here](#).

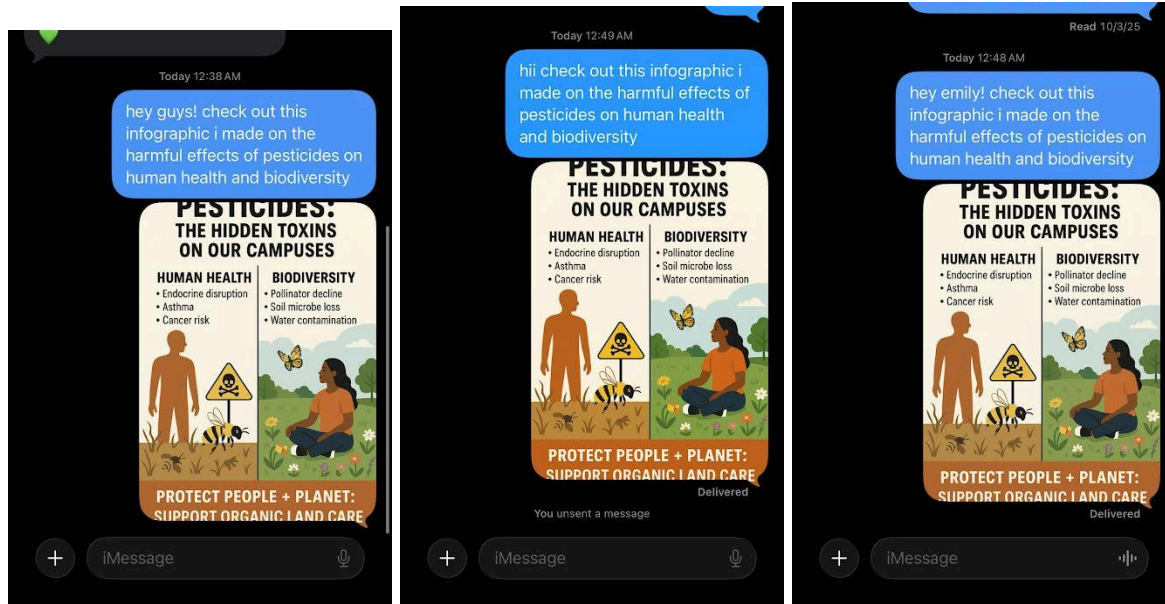
Sincerely,
Tiffany Chiu

Project Green Challenge
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P.S. Here's a poster I created about the dangers of pesticide use on our campus to help raise awareness and encourage action.



Texts to Friends



Instagram

Post link: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DP24X8hDFD/>



PESTICIDES: THE HIDDEN TOXINS ON OUR CAMPUSES

HUMAN HEALTH

- Endocrine disruption
- Asthma
- Cancer risk



BIODIVERSITY

- Pollinator decline
- Soil microbe loss
- Water contamination



**PROTECT PEOPLE + PLANET:
SUPPORT ORGANIC LAND CARE**