

# FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING

New  
recycling  
program at  
school!

## Why collect food scraps?

In 2014, Governor Brown signed AB 1826 requiring businesses to recycle their organic waste, including food scraps, depending on the amount they generate per week.



## Why is recycling food scraps important?

Mandatory recycling of organic waste is the next step toward achieving California's recycling and greenhouse gas emission goals. California disposes of 30 million tons of waste each year, over 30% of which could be used for compost or mulch.



## How will food scraps be collected?

Waste stations will be set up with cans for landfill, **recycling**, and **food scraps** in school kitchens and cafeterias

See next page for more waste station  
info!



# THE SORTING PROCESS

## Landfill:

- Plastic utensils & straws, plastic bags, milk & juice cartons, food wrappers, and sauce packets

## Recycling:

- Clean & dry firm plastics, water bottles, metal & aluminum, paper, and cardboard

## Food Scraps:

- Leftover food, peels, seeds, meat, bones, and food-soiled paper (napkins & greasy cardboard/paper)

