## Topic Brief <br> September 2019

## Schools-Based Community Outreach

StopWaste provides an innovative and comprehensive suite of activities for local schools, implemented by a team of Associates who gain professional skills and experience in the environmental education field. Our schools-based community outreach includes:

## Food Waste Prevention at School

Ensure that edible food isn't wasted through food share and donation programs. The K-12 Smart Cafeteria Initiative allows students to share uneaten sealed food or unbitten whole fruit in the school cafeteria by establishing food share tables, then donating surplus food at the end of meal service to feed people in need.

## 4th Grade: Transfer Station/Ed Center Field Trips

Students learn first-hand what happens to their food waste, compostables, recyclables, and garbage at a materials recovery facility and transfer station. Free bus transportation is provided.

## 4-6th Grade Classrooms: 4Rs Student Action Projects

Students engage in citizen science and action-based learning, helping to solve environmental issues at home, at school, and in their community. Student-collected data shows that the garbage from local school cafeterias is mostly edible food.

Middle \& High School: StopWaste Ambassador Program
The StopWaste Ambassador Program (SWAP) provides teacher training, Green Team Action Project Kits, educator stipends, and technical assistance to help students take action at school and at home.

## Stakeholder Network

Stakeholders, including district sustainability coordinators, teachers, and parents, are provided ongoing environmental education and technical assistance.


StopWaste works with school Green Teams to help their classmates sort properly at lunch.

## School Program Reach: The Ripple Effect



For more information, visit www.StopWaste.org/at-school.

