

May 19, 2023

Cohen School Petition to Recycle and Compost

Dear Mr. Gill and Elmira Heights CSD Board of Education,

The second-grade classes at Cohen Elementary would like to petition the Elmira Heights Central School District to implement recycling of plastic lunch waste and food scraps for composting. The second-grade reading curriculum highlights community service, recycling, composting, and using our voices for change through petitioning. From this, our students asked if we could write a petition to make a change that would impact our community in a positive way. Our composting could be a natural resource for the middle school green house program. Additionally, this could reduce overall garbage removal fees for the district. Stephen Edgerton, Cohen Middle School, has offered to have his students work with the cafeteria staff to sort waste with his students as a part of their class.

The following undersigned students and faculty are in support of this program.