

Are you aware that North Carolina Public Schools use polystyrene trays in the lunchroom, up to **148** million a year for lunch alone?

Help North Carolina Schools Go Sustainable

Every Tray Counts (ETC) **Adopt-A-School** program (also known as the **Kitchen Waste and Tray** program) replaces polystyrene trays with compostable trays and diverts kitchen food waste and the trays to a compost site.

Adopt-A-School was inspired by a family in Cary who wanted to donate money to start a simple program at their children's school. Working with ETC, they sponsored the compostable trays and kitchen food waste hauling to a compost facility. Their generous donation has inspired the expansion of this program.

ETC has started a **General Fund** for Adopt-A-School. This enables anyone to donate to the project.

This is a great opportunity for a **business**, **family**, **community group**, or **global citizen** to positively impact our children's education, health and way of life.

How Can You Help?

Donate the Difference!

When you donate to ETC's Adopt-A-School fund, your dollars will go toward:

- The general fund so all schools have the opportunity to begin a sustainable lunchroom program.
- Helping a school or district pay the difference in cost between a polystyrene tray and a compostable one.
- Hiring a compost hauler to bring the trays and kitchen waste from the school to a compost facility.

How Does Every Tray Counts Help?

Every Tray Counts will partner with the school to advise and help implement the program. We will coordinate all of the interested parties to begin the program.

To Adopt-A-School, or to find other ETC programs and information, please e-mail us at <u>everytraycounts@gmail.com</u> or visit us at <u>www.everytraycounts.org</u>.

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