

## **Bike Rack (Farm to School Conference)**

### Discussion/Questions:

- Schools use a ton of copy paper. Can shredded paper be your primary brown material for school wide composting?
  - Emily Becker from Airport Heights Elementary in Anchorage responded; No it gets too clumpy, doesn't break down quickly. As soon as it gets wet it is very hard to use.
  - Sandy Scotton from Galena responded; I have been successful using it in a chicken coup as bedding and then incorporating it into the compost 😊
- Are there any districts in the state/country where the students help prepare school lunches daily?
  - Peggy Provost from Nome responded; I use 2 special ed students per term for 1 hour a day – mostly for cleaning tasks. They are required to fill out applications and interview.
  - Johanna Herron, FTS coordinator adds: I have seen this happen successfully in many schools but it will likely be up to the school or school district depending on the policies and requirements.
- How close are we to seeing salad bars in our local schools?
  - Salad bars are a decision made by the school food authority. You need to start by asking your facility or school district nutrition services. There are a lot of great resources available about getting salad bars:
    - <http://aksaladbars.blogspot.com/>
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DENYVcc0WjE>
    - <http://www.saladbars2schools.org/>

- A farmer for every school and institution – more food + more jobs for farmers!
- What school districts are composting? How are they doing it?
  - Johanna Herron, FTS coordinator responds: There are quite a few schools around the state composting but I don't have a listing. I know Calypso Farm uses compost in the school garden initiative, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District is composting, Effie Kokrine composts...those are just a few off the top of my head. Contact me if you need any of their contact information, [Johanna.herron@alaska.gov](mailto:Johanna.herron@alaska.gov)
- Are any schools employing garden, agriculture, or culinary teachers in K-6?
  - Johanna Herron, FTS coordinator responds: There are but we don't have a listing. Louise's Farm School in Palmer does all of these things. If you contact me and tell me where you are located I can try and find this information for you, [Johanna.herron@alaska.gov](mailto:Johanna.herron@alaska.gov)
- Could funds be re-appropriated for self-production?
  - Johanna Herron, FTS coordinator responds: Depends on where the funds came from and what kind of self-production you are talking about. I am happy to discuss more if you tell me more about your question, [Johanna.herron@alaska.gov](mailto:Johanna.herron@alaska.gov)
- What school districts are present at the conference: More than half the school districts in the state, I don't think I missed any!
  - Bristol Bay Borough SD
  - Galena City SD
  - Lake and Peninsula SD
  - Fairbanks North Star Borough SD
  - Anchorage SD
  - Southeast Island SD
  - Hydaburg City Schools
  - Lower Yukon SD
  - Kenai Peninsula SD
  - Mat-Su Borough SD

- Alaska Gateway SD
- Bering Straight SD
- Cordova Schools
- Nome Public Schools
- Petersburg Borough SD
- Sitka SD
- Ketchikan Gateway Borough SD
- Kuspuk SD
- Kodiak Island SD
- Copper River SD
- North Slope Borough SD
- Iditarod Area School District
- Skagway SD
- Aleutian Region SD (Unalaska)
- Aleutians East Borough SD (Sand Point)