

## 2018 Carbon-Cutting Project Summaries

### 1. PROJECT: FOOD

- a. **Food Table** A food table is established in a school. Students and teachers place unopened or untouched food on the table during and after lunch. That food is free for anyone who is hungry to eat during the afternoon.
- b. **Composting** Buckets at the cafeteria for various types of compost, which are either composted right at school or handed off to farmers or others who compost
- c. **Local food** Food is purchased from local producers/farmers for cafeteria lunches (possibilities: eggs, apples, vegetables, syrup?)
- d. **School garden** Students and teachers maintain a school garden. Produce is donated, sold as fundraiser, or eaten at cafeteria

**LINKS:** Farm to School program in MI: <http://www.farmtoschool.org/our-network/Michigan>

Step-by-step guide

[http://foodsystems.msu.edu/uploads/files/garden\\_to\\_cafeteria\\_guide.pdf](http://foodsystems.msu.edu/uploads/files/garden_to_cafeteria_guide.pdf)

### 2. PROJECT: IDLING (These students join Sea Change Expeditions' No Idling Campaign Around the Lake and communicate with others via Instagram)

- a. **School Bus Idling** Students ask the School Board to implement a Bus Idling policy to minimize idling. Sample Idling Policy in hand.

**LINKS:** Minnesota Sample School Board Policy

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/p-p2s6-12.pdf>

Reasons to lower idling and sample Policy for Michigan

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-aqd-IdleReductionFactSheet\\_251101\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-aqd-IdleReductionFactSheet_251101_7.pdf)

- b. **Parent/Student Idling** Students create a plan to discourage idling in school parking lots. (signs, announcements, reminders)

### 3. PROJECT: GREEN MINUTE

- a. **Producers** Students work with teachers/admin. to determine timing and frequency of a green minute announcement over the school intercom
- b. **Scientists** Students research and write Green Minute Announcements
- c. **Announcers:** Students announce the green minutes

**LINKS:** Green Minutes 1:00 minute long from New Orleans  
<http://wwno.org/programs/green-minute>