Date

Dear Teachers,

On XXXday, XXXuary XX, we will launch Cafeteria Culture’s ***SORT2save*** Cafeteria Ranger Program. This student-led effort focuses on working towards a zero waste cafeteria. All students will have the opportunity to be a Cafeteria Ranger at some point during the school year.

**How the program works**

[Cafeteria Culture’s *SORT2save Kit*](http://www.cafeteriaculture.org/sort2save-kit.html) will guide us in implementing their unique “Cafeteria Ranger” program. Our students will teach peers and teachers how to correctly recycle, compost, and sort their trash at the end of each lunch period. This program has been a great success at many schools throughout New York City. Our students will practice leadership and develop community spirit as they take on their new Ranger responsibilities!

**Cafeteria Culture background**

Cafeteria Culture has been working with NYC public schools since 2009, taking a lead role in creating zero-waste cafeterias and climate smart communities. Their student-led cafeteria sorting program starts with teaching the “why” along with the “how, -to.” Students of all ages take daily action to combat climate change. Cafeteria Culture has catalyzed the elimination of the more than 860,000 polystyrene trays used per day from NYC schools. As of September 2015, NYC and the 5 other largest school districts across the US have eliminated a half a billion styrofoam trays nationwide. For more information, you can visit [www.cafeteriaculture.org.](http://www.cafeteriaculture.org.)

**Cafeteria Culture videos**

Check out Cafeteria Culture’s short [*edu-taining* videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwjxgO8LcDjVUXQDnUHbUNA) on YouTube at [CafCu Media](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwjxgO8LcDjVUXQDnUHbUNA).. The videos are a fun way for teachers and students to learn how to sort their waste and recyclables and to make positive change in their communities. All videos are also posted on Cafeteria Culture’s [Vimeo channel](https://vimeo.com/cafcu). These videos feature students and will lead us through the process of creating our own sorting program. A good place to start is with the 6-minute long [SORT2save Cheer!](https://vimeo.com/141123680) and the 6 ½ minute-long [Cafeteria Ranger CrashCourse](https://vimeo.com/172940382) to get a fun overview on how the program works.

We look forward to working together to create a zero waste school culture!

Sincerely,

(Sustainability Coordinator, PTA Green Team, Teacher, School Administrator)

Check out the rest of Cafeteria Culture’s videos and subscribe to their YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwjxgO8LcDjVUXQDnUHbUNA>

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