

Re: Catoctin High Visit/Cafeteria Waste

Young, Matthew T

Wed 2/14/2024 8:50 AM

To:Brotherton, Brian C <Brian.Brotherton@fcps.org>; Ashbacher, Dawn M <Dawn.Ashbacher@fcps.org>;

Hey Brian and Dawn,

I'm here at CHS in the main office now. [Where would you like to meet?](#)

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From: Young, Matthew T <Matthew.Young@fcps.org>

Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 2:56:39 PM

To: Brotherton, Brian C <Brian.Brotherton@fcps.org>; Ashbacher, Dawn M <Dawn.Ashbacher@fcps.org>

Subject: RE: Catoctin High Visit/Cafeteria Waste

Let's do 9 to 9:30 AM this Wednesday, and then we can recircle back at 11 AM, for I have this virtual meeting between 9:30 – 11 AM.

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From: Young, Matthew T

Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 1:45 PM

To: Brotherton, Brian C <Brian.Brotherton@fcps.org>; Ashbacher, Dawn M <Dawn.Ashbacher@fcps.org>

Subject: RE: Catoctin High Visit/Cafeteria Waste

Brian – would you have anything available at 8:30 Wednesday morning?

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From: Brotherton, Brian C <Brian.Brotherton@fcps.org>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 1:12 PM
To: Young, Matthew T <Matthew.Young@fcps.org>
Subject: Re: Catoctin High Visit/Cafeteria Waste

I have 2nd block planning so I am free from 9-10:20. I have class at 11:30.

Brian Brotherton
Science Department Chair
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Catoctin High School
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"To the wise, the whole earth is open, because the true country of the soul is the entire universe." -Democritus

From: Young, Matthew T
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 12:09:20 PM
To: Ashbacher, Dawn M; Brotherton, Brian C
Cc: Kelly, Robert D
Subject: RE: Catoctin High Visit/Cafeteria Waste

Brian – can we meet earlier that morning or around 11:30/12 PM on Wednesday?

Thank you,

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From: Ashbacher, Dawn M <Dawn.Ashbacher@fcps.org>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 12:04 PM
To: Brotherton, Brian C <Brian.Brotherton@fcps.org>
Cc: Young, Matthew T <Matthew.Young@fcps.org>; Kelly, Robert D <Robert.Kelly@fcps.org>
Subject: RE: Catoctin High Visit/Cafeteria Waste

Brian,

Sounds good. See you on the 14th!

Dawn

From: Brotherton, Brian C <Brian.Brotherton@fcps.org>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:13 AM
To: Ashbacher, Dawn M <Dawn.Ashbacher@fcps.org>
Cc: Young, Matthew T <Matthew.Young@fcps.org>; Kelly, Robert D <Robert.Kelly@fcps.org>
Subject: Re: Catoctin High Visit/Cafeteria Waste

Hello Dawn,

The 14th works for me. Lets aim for 10:30 and I'll pull the students in the conservation club so you can hear their concerns first hand. Lunch starts at 11 so you'll be able to see that as well.

Thanks

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From: Ashbacher, Dawn M
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 12:03:47 PM
To: Brotherton, Brian C
Cc: Young, Matthew T; Kelly, Robert D
Subject: RE: Catoctin High Visit/Cafeteria Waste

Hi Brian,

Nice to meet you. I am glad you reached out. I appreciate the interest you and your students have in sustainability! I am including Matt and Bob in this email. I have talked with them briefly and they are supportive of looking at other options and working together on this.

I would like to take you up on your offer to visit your school. Matt would like to come, too. Can we visit on Feb. 14? We would like to talk more with you and also observe what is happening in the cafeteria. Would you be available on Feb. 14? If so, let me know what time.

Dawn

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From: Brotherton, Brian C <Brian.Brotherton@fcps.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:19 AM
To: Ashbacher, Dawn M <Dawn.Ashbacher@fcps.org>
Subject: Re: Catoctin High Visit/Cafeteria Waste

Hello Dawn,

I'm the science department chair at Catoctin High School and the conservation club advisor. Our club recently applied for the MSDE composting grant. A few days after we submitted our application, food services switched from compostable trays to more expensive non-recyclable plastic. We didn't ask for money for compostable trays because the county was already using them. My students were understandably upset about the change.

My students have been advocating for the change to be reversed, our custodial staff is unhappy because it has doubled our trash during lunch, and our food waste has increased because the packaging makes the food soggy. I know both Urbana and Oakdale are also unhappy with the change, so I've been in communication with Matt Young in food services, who is taking our concerns to Robert Kelly.

I know you are new to FCPS, but once things hit that level of administration at central office, it means nothing is going to change. My students aren't going to let this go and they are organizing with students at other schools. FCPS could use some good press and I'm thinking this is going to get ugly if we don't do right by the kids and the planet.

I'm reaching out to you to see if you would like to come visit our school, talk to my club kids, our custodial staff, our food services staff, hear their concerns and see the waste for yourself.

Let me know what you think and thanks for the help!

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