

Solid Waste Management Plan – Proposed Actions to Support School Districts

<u>SWMP Strategy*</u>	<u>SWMP Actions</u>	<u>Proposed New School Initiatives (black)</u> <u>Enhance Existing School Initiatives (grey)</u>
<p>Strategy 1 Continue and Enhance Education Programs</p>	<p>1C. Expand education programs to multi-family and ICI sectors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist schools in implementing or refreshing pack-in / pack-out policies.
	<p>1D. Enhance K-12 school program to include concepts of zero waste and circular economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to provide teaching resources for waste reduction.
<p>Strategy 2 Encourage Waste Prevention</p>	<p>2B. Establish a community-based waste reduction grant program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to promote the CRD’s ReThink Waste grant program to school districts and committees. Continue to share successful school-based projects and ideas with education sector stakeholders.
	<p>2D. Promote sustainable and/or packaging-free purchasing options.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pack-in/pack-out strategies encourage more sustainable and packaging free options so that families will have less to manage and students will have less to “pack-out”.
<p>Strategy 3 Support Reduction of Avoidable Food Waste</p>	<p>3A. Continue to support residential food waste reduction through education campaign and composting promotion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to partner with <i>Love Food Hate Waste (LFHW) Canada</i>, which seeks to reduce avoidable food waste. LFHW will be releasing new resources to guide families on reducing avoidable food waste from packing lunches.
<p>Strategy 6 Continue and Enhance Policy Development</p>	<p>6D. Investigate regulatory mechanisms to manage MSW and recyclable materials in the region.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to investigate mandatory source separation and supporting regulations for ICI sector.
<p>Strategy 7 Increase Residential Diversion</p>	<p>7A. Continue to promote residential diversion of recyclable materials (including organics), ensuring that education campaigns strive to minimize contamination in these streams.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pack-in/pack-out programs encourage families to use residential recycling systems available for their materials. Packaging from lunches can be incorporated into available residential recycling programs when at the household level.

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	7B. Collaborate with municipal and private sector service providers to support depot diversion efforts in the region for non-curb-side materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate options for including flexible plastics in the CRD’s residential curbside program for single-family homes. • Partner with municipalities and private sector service providers to expand drop-off options for recyclable materials that are not included in the curbside program.
Strategy 9 Increase ICI Diversion	9A. Allocate resources to increase ICI diversion, for example, a business waste reduction liaison.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund waste audits for schools. • Designate funding for implementing new recycling streams, piloting new diversion initiatives, or improving sorting infrastructure. • Focus staff resources for ICI waste reduction towards schools.
	9B. Advocate to expand the PPP EPR to the ICI sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate to the Ministry of Environment and Parks to consider including schools in EPR programs.
Strategy 11 Increase Organics Diversion and Processing Capacity	11A. Continue to promote organics waste diversion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide educational resources funding through Compost Education Centre. • Continue to make grant funding available for school composting projects.

**While schools are considered part of the industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) sector, actions relating to enhancing residential programs have been included in this list because successful pack-in/pack-out strategies rely heavily on residential recycling systems.*