



## Greater Victoria Teachers' Association

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Jeremy Caradonna, Councillor and CRD Director  
City of Victoria  
By email: jcaradonna@victoria.ca

Dear Jeremy,

The Greater Victoria Teachers' Association understands that the Capital Regional District is studying the potential of adding soft plastics to the collection list.

We are writing to suggest that this could also be an opportunity for the CRD to consider an expansion of the blue box recycling program to school buildings outside the City of Victoria (given that the City of Victoria is considering a municipally run collection service).

Currently, the school district is not collecting any recyclables as it must use private waste collection services. As a result, there is no recycling collection in schools other than ad hoc programs run by volunteers within some schools.

Teachers feel strongly that as educators, we should be modelling the sustainable recycling practices that we teach about. Unfortunately, this is not currently possible.

Should the CRD begin offering blue box pick up to the schools, we hope that schools would then be able to implement recycling services to put the schools into alignment with our sustainability values.

Yours truly,

Tara Ehrcke, Climate Justice Committee Chair  
Carolyn Howe, President

Cc: CRD Board, GVTA members