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**RE: INVITATION TO COLLABORATE ON WASTE DIVERSION AND REDUCTION INITIATIVES  
IN SCHOOLS**

Dear Deb Whitten:

I hope the new school year has started well in School District 61.

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Dear Paul Block:

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