### Composting Pick Up Pilot in 11 DCPS Schools: A Preview of Successes and Challenges

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The DC Department of General Services (DGS) is the "landlord" of the government buildings – including DCPS Schools











## DGS provides recycling services, supplies, and support to DCPS

http://dgs.dc.gov/page/healthy-schools







#### And now... composting!



## DGS supports on-site composting @ school gardens w/ OSSE – bins by ECO-City Farm





# DGS this year started an all new 11 school pick up pilot program for DCPS – each school's story is different!



#### Story 1: Stoddert Elementary





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#### Story 2: Shepherd Elementary







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#### Story 3: Cardozo High School





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#### The Cardozo Way

RESPECT: Be respectful of everyone in our school community.

**DETERMINATION:** Work to our **full potential in all classes.** 

PRIDE: Protect our campus and keep it clean, green and safe.



Yet every story is similar – we have identified 3 success factors which need to be addressed in order to take the pilot "to scale"



#### Challenge 1: BUDGET

\*\*\*Do we really need to use compostable bags?



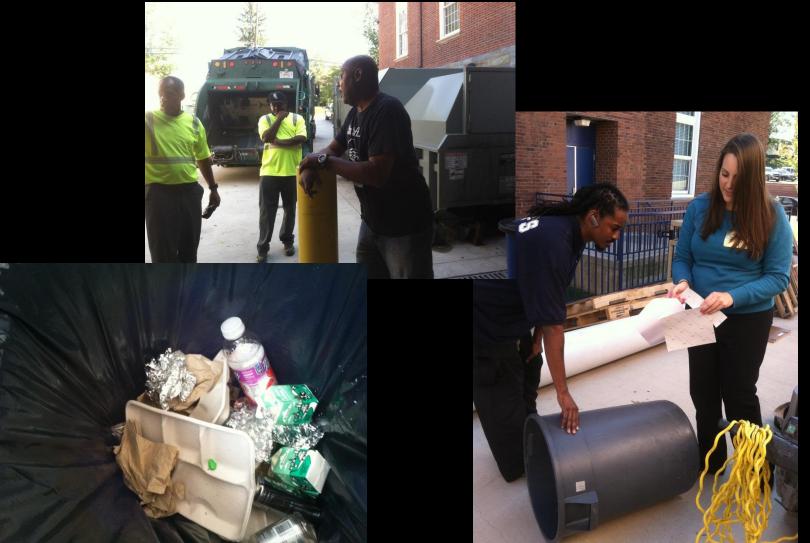




#### Challenge 2: BUY IN



#### Challenge 3: BOOTS ON THE GROUND





#### Please share your thoughts!

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