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### **Olmsted High School Receives Green School Grant**

BUFFALO – Olmsted High School recently received funding from the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling's (NYSAR<sup>3</sup>) Green School Grant Program.

The school will use the five hundred dollar award to purchase three new compost tumblers and one paper shredder to accommodate its growing compost program. Since starting to compost food scraps from the school's kitchen in April 2018, Olmsted generated over 475 pounds, but by June their bins had reached full volume.

Recognizing the importance of keeping food scraps out of landfills, these tumblers would allow the school to compost in its cafeteria in addition to the kitchen, and increase its capacity to compost almost year round, thereby generating more finished compost to fertilize their vegetable gardens. The school's program was featured in the Summer 2018 edition of *Focus On School Nutrition* (Volume 7 Number 3 Page 29).

The professional recyclers' association for New York State, NYSAR<sup>3</sup> awards up to (\$500) bi-annually to each grades K-12 public and private winning school across NYS to start or improve recycling, composting and/or waste reduction programs. The fall 2018 grant winners were announced on America Recycles Day, November 15.

*NYSAR<sup>3</sup>, the premiere recycling organization in New York State, provides members with expertise and education on waste reduction, reuse and recycling issues and practices to improve the environment. The group advocates for policies and programs that support environmental sustainability in the Empire State and provides access to a network of individuals and organizations that share ideas about starting and improving reduction, reuse, and recycling programs, as well as information on education and funding. More details are available on their website: [www.NYSAR3.org](http://www.NYSAR3.org).*