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Cayuga Heights Elementary School Receives Green School Grant

ITHACA – Cayuga Heights Elementary School recently received funding from the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling’s (NYSAR³) Green School Grant Program.

As the school district relaunches its composting program with Cayuga Compost, their focus will be on providing consistent and educational infrastructure and messaging that can be adapted to global recycling changes. The school will use the 500 dollar sum for new classroom compost and recycling bins, a cafeteria compost bin, and bin signage to encourage proper waste disposal and decrease contamination to zero to five percent.

To further its commitment to ‘cleaning their stream’ and ‘recycling right,’ Cayuga Heights Elementary School will also continue to develop a new volunteer program where students, faculty, staff, and community members serve as cafeteria monitors at mealtimes to teach students proper bin sorting. With support from the school’s PTA, the school will be in good hands with guidance from two successful local school programs, Cornell University’s Campus Sustainability Office and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County.

The professional recyclers’ association for New York State, NYSAR³ awards up to (\$500) bi-annually to each grade 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.

NYSAR³, 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.