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COMPOSTING, RECYCLING and GREEN LIVING IN MILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



COMPOSTING: California's [Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction law, often called SB 1383](#), establishes methane reduction targets for California by setting goals to reduce disposal of organic waste in landfills, including edible food. **Mill Valley School District has been composting since the bill came into effect this year**, although our schools were already sorting waste products like bottles, cans, paper, cardboard and food waste. Most of the school sites have their own garden and are actually using the compost on their plants!



RECYCLING: 100% of Mill Valley School District has been participating in either [Marin's Zero Waste Program](#) or working with the Tamalpais Community Services District Sanitation Department, and have received resources for proper sorting of recycling and composting as well as education and guidance.



GREEN ENERGY: Earlier this year, the MVSD's Board voted to switch the District's energy to [Marin County Energy Deep Green](#) program. This means that all energy purchased from MCE is produced 50% by solar power and 50% by wind power.

PROXIMITY TO SCHOOL: Recent [dotmaps](#) provided to the District by [Safe Routes 2 Schools](#), and analyzed by a third party vendor for suitable transportation options, showed that **41%** of all MVSD students live under **one mile** from their school and have walkable routes to their school. **36%** of students live **under a mile** from school and have bike routes available to get to their school.



PROXIMITY TO WORK: Our district has 270 teachers and support staff, and of that number, **73%** of them live **under 10 miles** from their assigned school location. On October 13, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved a [Workforce Housing Resolution](#), to support community housing projects that will have a positive impact on recruiting and maintaining high quality staffing in our school district.



STUDENT GREEN TEAM: Each Mill Valley school has its own "Green Team," and they are doing some inspiring work to set the pace for us all. The Green Teams are working on a variety of projects, mostly focused on better practices during food service at their school. The teams have worked on:

- **Waste Audits** - students worked with Zero Waste Marin to learn best practices
- **Recycling** - students supervise waste management with their peers and the TK-1st graders
- **Composting** - students work to ensure food waste is composted, often at the school garden
- **Landfill stations** - students ensure only real "trash" leaves to go to landfill
- **Promotional videos and posters** - students are creating media to educate students

This Friday Feature is provided weekly to help our stakeholders be more informed about the MVSD LCAP and the goals we have for our students. For more information about the LCAP goals please [visit our website here](#). If you would like to provide feedback or suggest a topic for our Friday Feature, please [submit your request here](#).