

DID YOU KNOW?


\$218 billion worth of food is thrown away each year

72 billion pounds of food is lost each year, not including waste at home

21% of landfill volume is food waste


21% of fresh water is used to produce food that is then discarded

HOW CAN YOUR SCHOOL HELP?

 **Collecting** excess wholesome food after mealtimes to donate to charitable organizations

 **Composting** food waste for school gardens

 **Collaborating** with local farmers on composting or food-scrap projects

 **Contributing** to the EPA Food Recovery Challenge to work with an expert to measure and reduce food waste

Discover more strategies at www.usda.gov/oc/foodwaste/resources/K12_schools



REDUCING FOOD WASTE IN **YOUR** SCHOOL

Schools across the Country are helping to solve the issue of food waste one cafeteria meal at a time

How will your school step up to the plate?

Find out more about how your school can get involved in food waste reduction, recovery, and/or diversion at www.getfoodsmarttn.com/content/page/recognize