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List:

1. No recycling available in cafeteria
2. No compost available in cafeteria
3. School removed solar panels on roof
4. 6 Flat screen tvs on 24/7 with useless and outdated information
5. Limited recycling in classroom
6. Lack of recycling outside on campus
7. Unnecessary heating/cooling

Primary issue: Lack of compost in cafeteria

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Bloomington High School South (BHSS) has a serious problem with food waste. Each day, more than 1700 students eat in the cafeteria. This creates a large amount of uneaten food, such as pizza crust and old or gross looking fruit that kids didn't want to eat. All of this food piles up, and with no option to compost, all of it goes to the landfill. BHSS could solve this problem by providing compost bins alongside their current trash bins and contracting an outside company to handle this compostable material, both saving space in the landfill and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Some parts of this plan would be easy to achieve, others less so. Placing compost bins in the cafeteria and encouraging students to use them would be relatively straightforward and inexpensive. Contracting a company to deal with the compost might cause more of an issue. BHSS would need to have the school board approve a plan to hire a contractor, which would face opposition from the more conservative members of the group. The plan would need to have community support, which should not be difficult because many members of the community support initiatives to reduce the city's ecological footprint. Just in the past month, hundreds of people marched on the city hall demanding more environmental action, including initiatives to reduce the city's waste.

The school board would also need to find a business capable of composting that much material. This problem has a simple solution, as there is a local, highly rated composting business called Green Camino Curbside Composting. This certified women-owned benefit corporation collects composts from various neighborhoods diverting it from the landfill. They claim that they "focus on sustainability over profits," which is a good model for the school corporation, as they wouldn't be charged exorbitant fees.

While we would need to figure out logistical details such as how to bring this issue to the school board and show that it would be cost effective, pressure from the community would be enough to pave the way to this idea becoming a reality. With an effective social media campaign, utilizing platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, we could mobilize enough members of the community to show the school board we have support. We would probably face opposition from the more conservative members of the school board, but with enough approval from within the community, this idea could easily become a reality.