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### **Wyoming Initiates District-Wide Recycling Program For 2009-2010 School Year**

Wyoming has become the first school district enrolled in the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District's (District) *Recycling Assistance Program* (RAP) to institute recycling in all their schools. The 2,000 students in the Wyoming school district will have access to recycling throughout their schools beginning in the 2009-2010 school year. The schools in the Wyoming school district, including Wyoming High School, Wyoming Middle School, and Elm, Hilltop and Vermont Elementary Schools, kicked-off their recycling programs with activities for students to help teach them about recycling and proper waste management.

By having recycling available to students, program coordinators hope to save money on waste management costs, to instill the concepts of recycling in students and to be environmentally responsible. Students in Wyoming schools will be able to recycle paper, plastic and aluminum throughout their school buildings, as well as at special events and sporting games. Wyoming's recycling program is being organized by a group of concerned parents, spearheaded by Heidi Spicer, Tracy Payne and Kendall Marty, along with support from school administrators and local government.

For more information on Wyoming's recycling program, please contact Heidi Spicer at [hspicer@fuse.net](mailto:hspicer@fuse.net) or Tracy Payne at [tracylynnpayne@yahoo.com](mailto:tracylynnpayne@yahoo.com).

#### About the Recycling Assistance Program (RAP)

The District assists schools in establishing a new or expanding an existing solid waste reduction/recycling program through the RAP. The District meets with principals, teachers, students, facility managers, custodians, and PTOs to assess a school's waste stream and determine what recycling program is right for the school. The District also helps design a collection method to have a minimal impact on custodians, educate staff, students, and parents; and generate school pride and enthusiasm for the program. To learn more about and register for the RAP, contact Keebler Holley at 513-946-7736 or at [Keebler.holley@hamilton-co.org](mailto:Keebler.holley@hamilton-co.org).

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