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Cumberland County Schools' Recycling Program Will Serve Nearly 60,000!

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Cumberland County Municipal Solid Waste recently purchased 500 recycling bins for schools throughout Cumberland County. The County will be placing five, 64-gallon recycling bins at every school in Cumberland County over the next year. Plastics, magazines, aluminum and white paper will be collected weekly. This will be the first comprehensive school recycling program in our region and, when fully implemented, will include all 100 schools in the district which have a combined student, teacher and staff population of over 60,000.

The first bins are expected to be delivered to high schools throughout the County by the third week of February. The County will then take two months to evaluate how the program is working and make any required changes before delivering bins to middle schools in April, and elementary schools in the Fall, beginning with the 2007-08 school year.

As part of the program, the County will work to educate principals, teachers, school administration and janitors through flyers and educational letters to ensure the success of the recycling program. The program was made possible through the Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Program grant from the Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance (DPPEA). Several local governments have received awards from this grant program over the past five years. DPPEA also offers [financial assistance](#) for entrepreneurs through their Recycling Business Development Grant program. For more information on these programs, contact Jim Hickman with DPPEA at 919-715-6512.

Contact [Janice Albert](#), Environmental Coordinator with [Cumberland County Solid Waste Management](#) at 910-321-6914, if you have specific questions about the CCS recycling program.

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