

Shore, Lynne L. (formerly Duda)

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Hi,

My name is Billy Reid, I am the new FS director for Lowell SD.

I am currently a director in CA for 3 separate districts, I am the recipient of 7 gold awards with distinction from the HUSSC, I was recently confirmed as being the only director in the nation where every school in my district is a gold distinction winner.

I have been quoted by First Lady Michelle Obama for the work I do in CN.

I have also developed and implemented an absolute zero waste to the landfill program.

I am currently in the process of implementing this program in Lowell. It will be the first such program in the state.

Polystyrene is probably the most recyclable substance on the planet, if handled correctly. Banning styrofoam, especially for schools will only result in more waste to the landfill, greater cost to schools and take money away from students. Biodegradable costs more therefore less money is spent on food.

Most people do not realize how much styrene they use everyday. Every colored solo cup, the hot beverage lid on every coffee and frappacino, lots of the products you think are plastic are actually styrene and can be recycled. They can actually generate revenue streams for schools and parents groups.

Biodegradable trays and cups do not biodegrade in the landfill, most people do not realize that once a biodegradable tray comes in contact with food it is no longer recyclable, it is compostable but not recyclable. The fastest composting system I have found is 60 days. I serve 300,000 trays in 60 days. Where will I store them for composting, who will I have to hire to turn them, who will pay the pest control bill for all the rodents this will attract. Washing hard trays is by far the the method with the worst impact on the environment. It uses too much water, adds chemicals in the waste stream and is the most expensive way for schools to handle dishes.

To ban styrofoam is to put an undue burden on school food service. I agree that without processing styrofoam is bad, but it can be processed cost effectively, it can contribute much needed revenue to schools to educate students, add funds to food service departments so we can increase the service we provide.

I agree with the ban but request that an exemption be given to anyone who uses a styrofoam/ styrene melter to keep the foam out of the landfill.

I have more info to give on this subject if anyone has any questions.

My system can be viewed by looking up billyreid/Salida

***Billy Reid
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