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I just wanted to say from the team at Black Earth Compost, a company that hires and pays taxes in RI, that getting food waste to the highest end use, especially leading with schools, is an excellent goal. I think the focus on feeding people and feeding the soil (not so much the energy grid because anaerobic digestion produces very little impact in that sphere), is a great focal point. And I think the secondary application would be to permeate that from schools into families over time which will lead to higher density/more economical curbside collection programs around the state. This will come in handy as nearly half the trash is compostable, and the clock is ticking on the Johnston landfill.

Thanks,

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