

**From:** [Cottrell, Megan](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin Lee](#); [Rosenson, Valerie](#)  
**Cc:** [Jacobson, Jonathan](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Styrofoam  
**Date:** Monday, June 10, 2019 10:48:58 PM

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Hi Ben,

The following email chain below might be informative to the Committee in regards to discussing LR30.070. Perhaps you might want to attach it to the agenda?

Best,  
-Megan

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "McGinn, Dawn" <[DMcGinn@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:DMcGinn@StamfordCT.gov)>  
**Date:** May 21, 2019 at 9:51:50 AM EDT  
**To:** "Cottrell, Megan" <[MCottrell@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:MCottrell@StamfordCT.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Lucero, Tamu" <[TLucero@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:TLucero@StamfordCT.gov)>, "Della Flora, Olympia" <[ODellaFlora@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:ODellaFlora@StamfordCT.gov)>, "Lutz, Diane" <[DLutz@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:DLutz@StamfordCT.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Styrofoam

Megan,

To answer your questions below:

1. Yes, Styrofoam trays are used extensively at lunch especially in the elementary schools where we serve 54% of our lunch meals.
2. To eliminate Styrofoam completely, I cannot answer "when" that would be a District decision. There is a paper or "fiber" option available from our supplier. The cost is 3x that of Styrofoam or .12 vs .04, which equates to approx. \$80,000 in additional supply costs.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you - Dawn

***Dawn McGinn***  
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**From:** Cottrell, Megan  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:03 PM  
**To:** McGinn, Dawn

**Cc:** Lucero, Tamu; Della Flora, Olympia; Lutz, Diane  
**Subject:** Re: Styrofoam

Dawn,

Thanks for the very detailed information on the use of styrofoam in school cafeterias. I'm glad you're working to eliminate styrofoam trays at breakfast! Are styrofoam trays used at lunch at all? How long do you think it will be before styrofoam is eliminated completely? What material is used in its place?

Much appreciated,  
-Megan  
Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2019, at 8:24 AM, McGinn, Dawn <[DMcGinn@stamfordct.gov](mailto:DMcGinn@stamfordct.gov)> wrote:

Dr. Lucero,

In the school lunch rooms, we use Styrofoam trays at the Elementary and Middle School levels, not at the HS. This year, we have been working to eliminate styro trays at breakfast and are 99.9% of the way there.

We use approx. 2000 cs / year or 1,000,000 trays.  
If you would like any additional information, please let me know.

Thank you - Dawn

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**From:** Lucero, Tamu  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2019 8:04 PM  
**To:** McGinn, Dawn  
**Cc:** Della Flora, Olympia; Cottrell, Megan; Lutz, Diane  
**Subject:** Fwd: Styrofoam

Dawn,

Could you please help answer Representative Cottrell's Question.  
Sent from Tamu's iPhone 8+

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Cottrell, Megan"  
<[MCottrell@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:MCottrell@StamfordCT.gov)>  
**Date:** May 15, 2019 at 7:57:22 PM EDT  
**To:** "Lucero, Tamu" <[TLucero@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:TLucero@StamfordCT.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Lutz, Diane" <[DLutz@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:DLutz@StamfordCT.gov)>

**Subject: Styrofoam**

Hi Tamu,

Who would be good at telling me how the schools use styrofoam in the lunch rooms? I'd like to learn about it, as I'd like to explore the possibility of Stamford scaling back our styrofoam use, much like we did with plastic bags. Please let me know who I should speak to.

I've cc'ed Diane as well as we've spoken with parents about concerns related to recycling and trash in the school system at our Education Committee meetings.

Best,

-Megan

Sent from my iPhone