Dear Board Members,

For the past two years my Student Council team and I have been responsible for collecting and transporting recycling at the middle school. Each Friday, my students have gone from class to class to collect the bins we created for paper only, and piled the bins and paper into the back of my truck to be taken to an appropriate container. I am very proud of my kids for their efforts over the years. The participation of the students and teachers at the middle school has been increasing. While I am very proud of this progress, the growth is becoming too much for my vehicle to handle! When we began this we ideally wanted the program to be school wide, however many companies have been unwilling to help us because of our location. Our current trash provider, Rumpke, has been encouraging recycling programs throughout the area. I have contacted them for help, and they have answered the call.

I have discussed this extensively with Laurie Marr at Rumpke. She has informed me that though it will not be free, Rumpke is willing to place recycling containers at all three buildings of our district. These containers will hold paper, aluminum, glass and cardboard without having to separate the products. This cost would be approximately $55.00 per month per container. We are hopeful that the amount of recycling we produce will offset our amount of trash, making the cost of our regular trash collection less. Ms. Marr is also looking in to having her company donate receptacles for the schools and classrooms to help encourage the students and teachers to participate.

Before going any further with this project, I will need the approval and help of the Board of Education. My students and I believe this is something our community and school greatly need. We are always looking for ways to promote responsible citizenship; this would be an excellent additional tool. If you have any questions or would like to move forward with this, please contact Laurie Marr at (502)377-5029. She is our very helpful contact at Rumpke. Also, please feel free to speak to me about any questions you may have. Thank you so much!

Michelle Cruey

Eighth Grade Language Arts Teacher

Student Council Advisor

Gallatin County Middle School