DEAR COLLEAGUES,

AUGUSTANA IS COMMITTED TO BEING A LEADER IN PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY AND A HEALTHIER PLANET. WE ARE LOOKING FOR OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO PARTNER IN OUR VISION, AND TO HELP EDUCATE AND GROW OURSELVES AND OUR COMMUNITY.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

• **We use recycle receptacles for paper, plastics, tin, aluminum and glass in all dining areas and kitchens.**

• **We recycle our fryer oil turning it into “Viking Full Circle Fuel” - a biodiesel used to run local farm equipment and heat greenhouses to extend the growing season.**

• **We recycle ink and copy cartridges**

• **We purchase local, organic and sustainable foods**

  1. Wesley Acres in Milan
  2. Carvers Little Red Barn, Taylor Ridge IL.
  3. Illinois Crown Beef supplies all of our beef
  4. Barb's Pantry, Princeton, IA.
  5. Happy Hollow Farm, East Moline

• **We donate leftover foods to local food banks**

• **We have bi-monthly farmers markets on campus for students, faculty and staff.**

• **Students experience hands on at local farms, build relationships and experience the demands put on farmers in our area**

• **We educate students in regards to the difference between fresh, local and regional products vs. those transported from hundreds of miles away.**
• 98% of our catering and grab and go products are served in or on bio-degradable and compostable natural resource produced containers, that return to nature’s cycle within 3 months

• We compost pre and post consumer food waste and via local farmers, which will help support local, organic farming. This will keep 70 tons of waste out of landfills annually.

• We supply a reusable cup students can purchase beverages in with a discounted price

• We use reusable to go containers, to reduce paper waste.

• We are researching greener ware-wash alternatives

• We have set up green boards in both Dining Units with information related to our local partners, their families, and our accomplishments and goals.

Resources of renewable compostable products

WWW.PRIMELINKSOLUTIONS.COM
WWW.WILKINSONINDUSTRIES.COM
WWW.BAGCRAFT.COM

Decisions we make today affect so much more then tomorrow.

If your school is interested in learning more, or sharing information please contact:

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Together we will make a difference

Thank you for your time,

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