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Dear Ms. Boucher,

We have recently figured out that millions of straws get wasted everyday. Did you know that here at Thompson School over 200 kids buy lunch, and most use 1-2 straws with it?

We have a few questions for your:

- 1) How much do the straws that we currently use in the cafeteria cost?
- 2) Has the Food Services Department ever thought about purchasing recyclable or compostable straws? We have!

Did you know that Scientists estimate that in 2030 there will be more trash on the Earth than fish in the sea?

Did you know that plastic straws get broken down into microplastics and the microplastics get thrown into the ocean? Fish accidentally eat them, then other fish eat that fish, which causes a chain reaction ending with tons of fish infected by one piece plastic?

We have researched and compostable straws cost \$8.50 for 400 straws.

Could Thompson School pilot having these straws or another alternative to the straws we currently use?

We would like to end with a quote.

As Sylvia Earl says: "I've had the joy of spending thousands of hours under the sea. I wish I could take people along to see what I see, and know what I know."

We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Students in Ms. Jette's 4th Grade Class

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