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This award is presented to the team that demonstrates the highest level of commitment and effort in the area of environmental stewardship and recycling in the five boroughs of New York City.

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Trash Masters! Super Recyclers  
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Grade Division: High School

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Contest Coordinator: Frank Morris  
School Custodian: Harold Hedgepath  
Names of Participating Classes: All Classes are  
Participating  
Student Recycling Coordinators: Deidre Jeter and Crystal  
McCoy  
Staff Coordinators: Frank Morris and Linda Lublin

The Brooklyn Transition Center is a school for adolescents with special needs.

### **Description of School Recycling Program**

Our first steps were to ascertain the recycling infrastructure available in each classroom.

Students reviewed and charted the presence of paper and trash receptacles in each classroom. We found that many classrooms were missing blue receptacles for mixed paper recycling. Working with Harold Hedgepath and the rest of the Custodial staff, student-recycling coordinators Deidre Jeter and Crystal McCoy secured receptacles from other parts of the building, and delivered them where needed. Student charts of our initial review can be found in the binder.

During our initial review, we observed that only 3 of the 19 classes were source separating mixed paper from non-recyclable materials. We also observed that the custodians were mixing clean mixed paper with non-recyclable trash.

The student recycling coordinators discussed the issue of co-mingling with the custodians. It was decided that every day at 2pm, students should bring all paper to a predetermined location on the first floor. It was also decided that milk and juice cartons, metal, plastic and glass should be brought to a large blue receptacle in the cafeteria.

### **Classroom Recycling Helpers**

We then circulated a letter to each of the classrooms. This letter is in the binder. In response to the letter, each classroom elected a recycling helper. Student recycling coordinators McCoy and Jeter trained the recycling helpers. Recycling helpers are responsible for helping their classmates maintain the building's recycling program.

### **Results**

From zero recycling, each class is now effectively source separating mixed paper, and metal, plastic, and glass from non-recyclable materials. Custodial staff is maintaining the source separation efforts of the students.

### **Why Our School is a Super Recycler**

Recycling is very important to many of the students at the Brooklyn Transition Center. Our school is a Super Recycler because each class has an elected Recycling Helper. We are a Super Recycler because we work in partnership with the custodial staff to improve and maintain recycling. Lastly, we are a Super Recycler because recycling provides our students the opportunity to take effective action to improve the environment.



QUESTION 3-23-04

Room Number	Blue Pail	Garbage Pail
205	✓	✓
203	No	✓
208	✓	✓
202	No	✓
211	<del>No</del> No	
210	✓	✓
223	✓	✓
301	✓	✓
302 305	No	✓
2 302	✓	✓
304	✓	✓

308 No ✓

311 ✓ ✓

313 No ✓

317 ✓ ✓

323 ✓ ✓

322 ✓ ✓

JERRY

JOE ISSANCE

ROOMNUMBER

Bluepil

GARBAGE PAI

205

✓

✓

203

NO

✓

208

✓

✓

202

NO

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211

NO

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210

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223

✓

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301

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305

NO

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302

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304

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308

NO

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311

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313

NO

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317

✓

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323

✓

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322

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✓



March 25, 2004

Dear Teachers,

Our school is going to make a special effort to improve recycling.

Each Classroom should have a blue pail for clean mixed paper, and a pail for trash. IF you need a blue pail we'll try to get you one. Please contact room 205 and ask for Deidra Jeter.

Milk cartons, plastic, and metal should be brought to the Cafeteria and deposited in the large blue pail.

We are asking each class to elect a Recycling Helper. This Recycling helper will be trained in recycling by students Deidra Jeter and Crystal McCoy of class 205. Please elect your classes recycling helper as soon as possible, and send the student's name to Mr. Morris in room 205.

Teacher: Mark Morris Student: Deidra Jeter, Crystal McCoy Principal: John Demelio  
→ MM → Deidra Jeter Crystal McCoy → John Demelio

Britney Smith is our recycling  
helper.

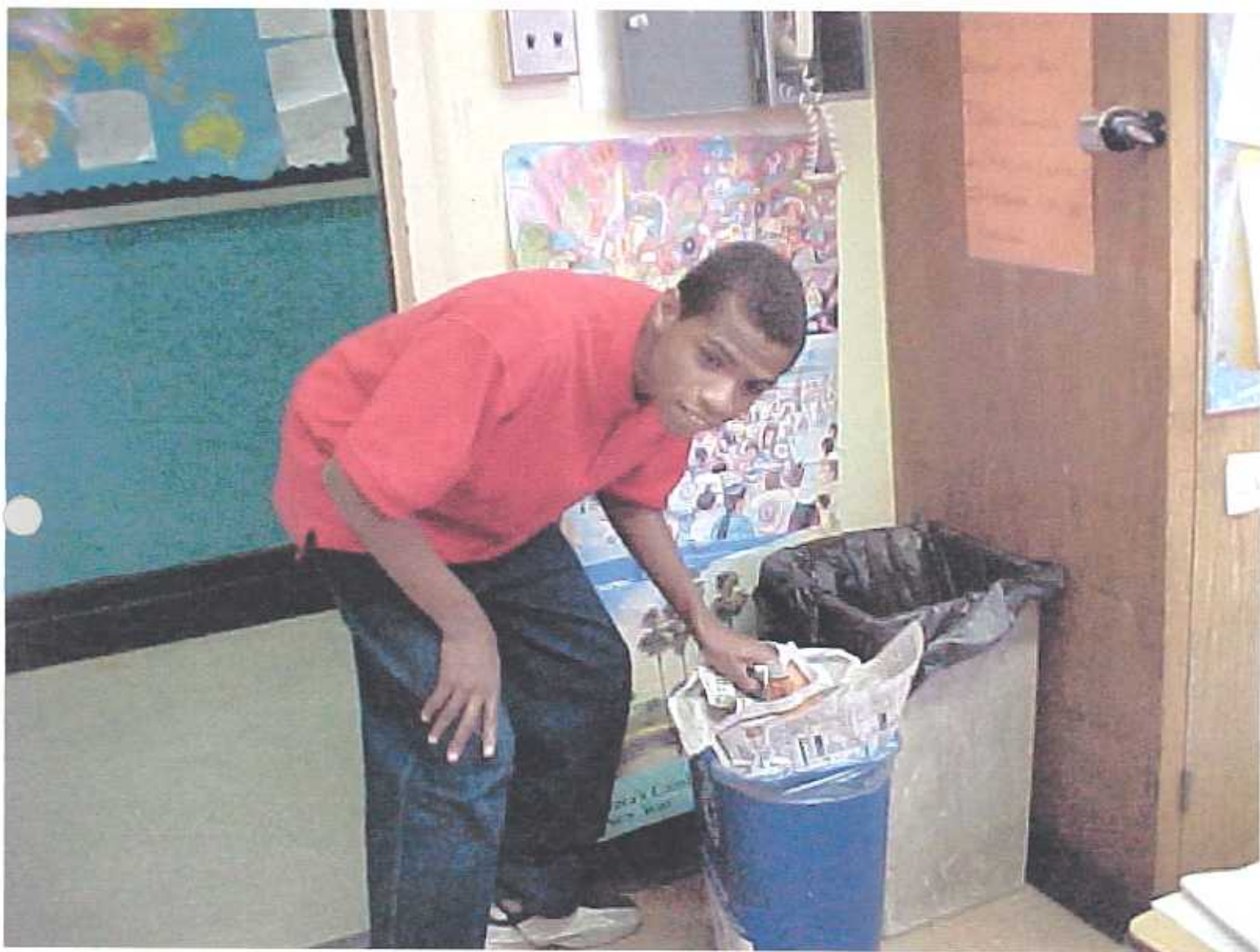
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J. Paige  
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Ivan and Indio delivering receptacles for paper.







Jerry depositing paper in blue pail.

Quetz and Krishan depositing plastic and metal in cafeteria receptacle.

