



# SERT Flash

School Energy and Recycling Team



## Tap and Stack



### Kindergartners at Summit Hall Elementary are pulling it off... Can you?

MCPS started the new school year off with something exciting, new recyclable plastic lunch containers in all elementary schools. The black bottom section of each lunch container is recyclable; the clear top cover should be “pulled off” and disposed of in the trash. The new protocol is to **TAP** your container on the trash can to throw out any food that is left before you **STACK** it on top of a container specifically stationed in the lunch room. If there is food left in the container (sticky stuff) please treat the container as trash.

The SERT Program staff visited Summit Hall Elementary School to see an example of how they have mastered **Tap** and **Stack**. It was great to see the efforts of Principal Keith Jones and Building Service Worker Lisa Sharer turn into a smooth operation engaging students into action while taking responsibility for their own recycling. Mr. Jones sets clear expectations for staff and students to recycle responsibly and they are “pulling it off.”

Summit Hall Elementary School has successfully and effectively adopted the new **Tap** and **Stack** recycling protocol by setting up a recycling system for the new recyclable lunch containers. Ms Sharer has set up several recycling stations in the cafeteria; these stations consist of a trash bin for **tapping**, a recycling bin for recyclables, and a tray to **stack** the recyclable containers on. This was up and running the first days of school. Way to go Summit Hall Elementary School!!

SERT thanks you for being a positive force and taking the initiative to roll out the new **Tap** and **Stack**.

Do you have a “SERT Flash” you would like to share about your SERT efforts? Please submit a photograph and paragraph about your team and you too can be featured in a future FLASH!

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