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## DAVIS RECYCLING PROGRAM GIFT SUPPORTS GREEN SCHOOLS

In the true spirit of recycling, the junior and senior high schools in Davis have received a gift from the City of Davis Recycling Program. The City of Davis Public Works Department had 500 extra iBINS (in-apartment recycling bins) remaining from a grant that they were awarded by the Department of Conservation. The recycling bins will be “recycled” and used in the secondary schools to help promote the iBIN Recycling Program and increase recycling at the schools.

The grant funded the iBIN Recycling Program, which provided recycling containers (iBINS) for apartments in Davis. Working with the DavisRISE Program; a project of Davis Farm to School Connection and Rey Reyes, Director of Operation for DJUSD, the school district is the benefactor of the left over bins for student use at the secondary sites.

This support from the City is another step to improving waste management on the junior and senior high campuses. Each campus has developed a specific plan of “best practices” for the use of the iBINS at their schools. Each classroom, computer room, and library will be provided with an iBIN bin for easy access to recycling. The Environmental Clubs at the secondary levels are putting into practice what has been taught at the elementary levels. Recycling has been in place at the junior and senior high schools for several years. These containers will add to the efficiency of the process for students. The students are taking responsibility for their own personal environment on their campuses as future leaders in our greater community.

Arrangements are being made with AYSO and Davis Tennis for creative ways to utilize the iBINS for recycling at their events. This came out of a Green Schools successful planning dinner meeting wherein over fifty individuals gathered on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at Pioneer School to coordinate environmental events for remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

The Davis Public Works Department has been a longtime supporter of the recycling efforts in the schools. Jennifer Gilbert, Conservation Coordinator for the City of Davis, will be representing the City on Farmers Market Night at the newly renovated Central Park Gardens on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Recycled Art Faire. Other partners for the Earth Day event will be Davis Farm to School Connection, DavisRISE, Central Park Gardens and Tree Davis. Two of the 2008 Yolo County Fair award-winning artists will be showcasing their recycle art pieces at the event. The public is invited to stroll the gardens and enjoy the recycled art pieces from the schools and contributing artists. For further information and or participation for the Recycle Art Faire, visit [www.davisrise.org](http://www.davisrise.org)