OVERVIEW Tracking Your Impact

HOW CAN STUDENTS EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR WORK?
As students investigate their school and take creative action to move their community toward zero waste, it will be important for them to evaluate the effectiveness of their efforts and publicly display key findings. Are people in the school now more aware of the issues? Have recycling rates improved? If not, why? How much waste has been diverted from landfills since the start of the project? How have the principal’s attitudes changed? And what are our next steps moving forward? In this ongoing step of Waste Deep, students will make group reflections, discuss opportunities for improvement, and re-collect data—using the same tools from Waste Deep 3—to create charts, graphs, and bulletin boards for schoolwide display. It is an all-hands-on-deck effort to advance your school’s culture of sustainability. Here are a few examples of Zero Waste student changemakers who led the charge.