

Boston Latin School YouthCAN Water Bottle Filling Stations Information

We recognized that our student body needed to be encouraged to make environmentally friendly choices, so we decided to try to bring technology to the school that students would actually like using. We wrote a proposal for a grant to fund five Elkay water bottle filling stations which, in addition to functioning as normal fountains, possess a spot for hands-free water bottle filling and have a counter that keeps track of how many disposable water bottles are kept out of landfills by using refillable bottles. We started a "Got Water?" poster campaign to get students excited about the stations. The posters showed how many bottles were kept out of landfills. It became a huge thing to be the student who filled their bottle when the counter rolled over to the next big number. These have been one of our most popular accomplishments. We also created a video documenting the life of a water bottle that promoted using reusable water bottles.