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# School Administrator Discovers Simple Way to Bring In Extra \$10,625 For Cash-Strapped School Programs 

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- By Patrick Sanders, Senior Staff Writer

Matt Antignolo, Director of Student Nutrition for Tomball Texas ISD (Independent School District), made a controversial decision for his school last year. He removed all 17 traditional vending machines at his school and replaced them with 4 healthy vending machines.
"We saw an increase in commissions [and] we made a positive change for the nutrition of the kids," says Antignolo.

Although he was initially concerned that healthy snacks and drinks would not sell at his school, Antignolo soon found out that healthy items sold better than "junk food."
"When I visit the schools, the kids are using the machines quite often," he says. "Those items are selling and they sell every day."

In fact the healthy vending machines are doing so well that vending commissions have more than doubled at Tomball in the last year - providing much-needed cash for their school programs.

## Tomball TX ISD Adds $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 6 2 5}$ To Their Bottom Line

Tomball has increased their annual vending commissions by $\$ 4,192$ - a $110 \%$ increase over their previous vendor.

At the same time, due to the reduced number of total machines and increased energy efficiency of the new machines, Tomball's energy costs have been reduced by $77 \%$ for a total savings of $\$ 6,433$.

When added together, the increased commissions and reduced energy costs add up to $\$ 10,625$ - a significant increase to their bottom line in just one year.

## Who Installed Tomball's Healthy Vending Machines?

A company called HUMAN Healthy Vending installed Tomball's new machines at no cost to the school. HUMAN handled the entire installation process for the school - so no extra work was required on the part of school administrators.

HUMAN - which stands for "Helping Unite Mankind And Nutrition" - is the world's leading healthy vending company. HUMAN serves healthy items to thousands of people every day and has over 1,500 state-of-the-art machines in 40 states, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

HUMAN was ranked in Entrepreneur Magazine's "100 Brilliant Companies" in 2011 and has been ranked twice - in the past two consecutive years - on Forbes' "America's Most Promising Companies" list (2012 \& 2013).


Matt Antignolo discovers a simple, hassle-free way to bring in more funding for his school programs.

HUMAN's mission is to eradicate childhood obesity by making healthy food more convenient than junk food. The company also donates $10 \%$ of their profits to charities that fight the causes of childhood obesity.

All across the nation, HUMAN is helping schools bring in much-needed revenue for their school programs while improving student health and performance at the same time.
"The commissions will be there," Antignolo says, "But to do the right thing, I think schools really need to look at the nutrition side of it and ask [themselves] if they are currently offering the best products for their students."

## Studies Show Healthy Vending Boosts Test Scores And Reduces Bad Behavior

In addition to reducing childhood obesity, healthy vending has been shown to improve the performance of students on tests and is linked to improved attentiveness in class and a decrease in disciplinary incidents.

One 2003 study of 5,200 fifth-graders published in the Journal of School Health found a direct correlation between diet and academic performance. After comparing test scores with the nutritional quality of each student (using the Diet Quality Index International scale) the study reported, "students with decreased overall diet quality were significantly more likely to perform poorly."

In 2004, a Wisconsin school district ran a program featuring healthy food in its cafeterias and vending machines combined with physical activity promotion. Classroom behavior improved dramatically. Teachers and principals reported fewer cases of student interruption, fidgeting and foul language as well as improved concentration and attendance. Also, instances of vandalism, drug and weapons violations, and expulsions were described as "nonexistent."

## New USDA Regulations Will Require Schools To Offer Healthy Vending Programs

Healthy vending machines are an attractive choice for schools because of the added revenue and benefits for students. They also may become mandatory very soon.

The USDA has recently proposed a new "Smart Snacks In School" rule as part of The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 that will effectively ban "junk food" sold in traditional vending machines.

When this rule goes into effect, schools across the nation will be forced to comply. Schools that are not prepared for the new regulations may lose months of vending commissions as they transition to a healthy vending program.

## HUMAN Healthy Vending Is Coming To <br> [LongCityNAME] [State]

HUMAN has announced it is making five of its healthy vending programs available to schools in the [longcityname] area. The company works with a limited number of schools and provides innovative healthy vending programs that are both profitable for the school and beneficial for the community.

Because healthy vending programs are limited, they will likely be $100 \%$ allocated to qualified schools within the next 30 days.

You can find out more information about HUMAN's healthy vending program at:

## www.HealthyVendingSchools.com

Or you can schedule a free consultation call with [firstname] [longlastname],

Healthy School Specialist, in the [longcityname] area. Call [firstname] at
[1-000-000-0000] or email [longemail@longaddress.com].


