

# Student Climate Declaration

## WE THE STUDENTS

of the Halton District School Board (HDSB) declare a climate emergency on behalf of the students, staff and the wider HDSB community.

**WE** acknowledge that the students of the HDSB can have a significant impact on mitigation and adaptation efforts for climate action.

**THE STUDENT SENATE** of the HDSB has expressed their grave concern about the climate crisis and their interest in supporting a climate emergency declaration to safeguard our environment and our way of life while inspiring action to mitigate these threats. The Student Senate, on behalf of everyone in the HDSB, puts forward the following motion:

**Be it resolved** that the Halton District School Board declare a climate emergency to recognize the challenges that this issue brings to our Board while also aiming to inspire our students, families, and staff to take collective action in combating climate change within their communities starting with the following actions;

Listen...	Empower...	Communicate...	Include...	Recognize...
...to Student Voice using Board-administered surveys to identify actionable and measurable opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with student interaction with buildings, transportation and waste.	...students to initiate and take action through support of a network of school-based, student-focused groups, connected to the Environmental Management Team that set their own metrics for measuring and reducing GHG emissions.	...with students through annual reports to Student Senate on Board-level actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	...Student Voice on sustainability issues in school and Board directives, using the Family of Schools structure.	...student achievements through an Environmental Excellence Award, presented in conjunction with the HDSB Inspire Award to a person who has undertaken or inspired environmental action.