



## Youth and Climate Change Initiative Donation

TO: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent

FROM: Robin Desmond, Chief Academic Officer *R. Desmond*

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I wish to inform you that the Youth and Climate Change Initiative is donating \$750 for the professional development of Lowell Public School (LPS) teachers. This funding will train 25 LPS sixth grade teachers on a new science unit focused on impacts of climate change on the local environment. During this unit, students will gather data on the timing of budburst of their schoolyard trees and compare it with historical data to note that trees are leafing out earlier than in past years. The students will consider the broader impacts to our local ecosystems.

If the members of the Lowell School Committee are in favor of accepting this donation, I recommend the following action/vote be taken:

*Accept the financial donation of \$750.00 from the Youth and Climate Change Initiative to help support the Professional Development of 25 Lowell Public Schools sixth grade teachers on a new science unit focused on the impact of climate change on our local environment.*