To: Brookline School Committee and school leaders
From: BHS Environmental Action and Food Justice clubs

We can no more afford to ignore the climate emergency now than we could last month, or last year. It is here, now, and its impacts will only worsen the longer we go without taking collective action. As the Covid-19 pandemic reminds us, we ignore scientific expertise and the rising toll of a crisis at our own peril. Human driven climate change increasingly threatens our physical and mental health, our food system, our democracy, the status of immigrants in our community, our confidence in science and truth, and the gains we have made towards racial and gender justice.

We demand that our school leaders:

- Recognize that the core mission of schools is to prepare young people to thrive, as adults, intellectually, emotionally and financially, and that climate change threatens the prospects of young people to achieve those aims;

- Address the demands of students to better understand climate change, cultivate skills to be resilient for a climate-disrupted future, and integrate climate justice with our school system's work to address race and gender equity;

- Declare that climate change is an emergency, and that our School Committee and School Leadership shall take meaningful action by December 31, 2021 to embark upon a system-wide plan for making climate sustainability a core value and practice of our school system at all grade levels. That plan must form a committee that includes educators, students and many other stakeholders and who are charged with preparing a comprehensive set of recommendations and steps forward, including but not limited to curriculum revision, by September 15, 2022.

We want all students and PSB staff, every year, to encounter curriculum and authentic school-wide practices that foster a common purpose so that each student shall 'graduate green.' Our future depends on this.

Student Name	Signature	School and grade