



# **REFORM to TRANSFORM:**

## *Elementary School Action Toolkit*

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### **What is CERBC?**

Climate Education Reform BC (CERBC; *pronounced sir-BC*) is a group of secondary school students from across British Columbia who want improved climate change education in BC's K-12 classes so that students will be prepared to face climate change.

We have just launched our campaign, **REFORM TO TRANSFORM**. Our purpose is to get the Ministry of Education (the group in charge of education) to agree to our 6 calls for change.

## Introduction to Climate Change

Don't know much about climate change? There are many great introductory videos for you to check out! We also encourage you to ask your teachers and parents any questions you have. [What is Climate Change](#) has a great breakdown to get started!

*Let's get more specific...*

Grade 1-3

- [Climate Change \(according to a kid\)](#)
- [A Climate Change Guidebook](#)

Grade 4 and 5

- [Climate Change - the environment for Kids](#)

Grade 6 and 7

- [Climate Change 101 with Bill Nye](#)

## What is the Importance of REFORM to TRANSFORM?

Climate change threatens all parts of our futures, so we must stand together to learn and understand its causes and effects. Although the topic of climate change is briefly mentioned in Science 7 as a "Big Idea" in the curriculum, students are not regularly taught about the full scope of the issue. Climate change is an emergency that threatens human health and our very planet. Climate change education needs to be accessible and required for all students. If schools teach students about the climate emergency and how to take action, our future will be led by climate leaders...and YOU can be a part of this!

## What is Climate Justice?

Climate justice is a concept that many students do not understand, and should be a key part of the new curriculum. Climate justice advocates for the wellbeing of both people and the planet. As marginalized groups continue to bear disastrous and lethal effects of climate change, we must demand justice for all. For instance, though "the poorest half of the global population are responsible for only around 10% of global emissions," they "live overwhelmingly in the countries most vulnerable to climate change." Still, "the richest 10%

of people in the world are responsible for around 50% of global emissions” (Source: [Oxfam](#)). This can no longer be accepted.

*le: “The average footprint of someone in the richest 1% could be 175 times that of someone in the poorest 10%” (Source: [Oxfam](#))*

## What Can YOU Do?

*Youth Have Power, your voice and actions count!*

- 1. Talk to everyone you know about climate change and our campaign; be sure to ask your teachers and parents lots of questions!**
  - a. Making sure people are aware and engaged in these issues makes collective action more effective
- 2. Sign onto our [Open Letter!](#)**
  - a. This is a very important tool to get the attention of the BC Ministry of Education to implement Climate change education
- 3. Write your own emails and letters!**
  - a. Check out [this toolkit](#) to learn how to write letters to your local government representatives to share about your concerns and our campaign.
- 4. Check Out [‘Be The Change’ Climate Action Curriculum](#)**
  - a. Consider sharing this to current, past, or future teachers so they have the resources and can start equipping students for the Climate Crisis
- 5. Ask your parents to donate [here](#)**
  - a. Helping support campaigns such as ours, or others working for Climate Justice through donations helps us to keep growing and moving forward.
- 6. Check out these fun activities!**
  - [Home learning activities for ages 7-14 by Oxfam Education](#)
  - [NASA Climate Kids](#)
  - [Climate Action Superheroes](#)
  - [Climate Science Activity Book](#)
- 7. If you are 13 and up, join our organizing team!**
  - a. If you want to take a step further in becoming involved, check out our [linktree](#) for more info!

## Stay Up to Date with Us

Our Instagram, Twitter and Facebook here: <https://linktr.ee/CERBC>  
Sign onto our Emailing List: [here](#).

## Final Words

"Hope is not something that you have. Hope is something that you create, with your actions." - Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Implementing climate change education is the first step to creating global change. By creating a solution and action-oriented learning environment on a local scale, students can feel empowered and prepared rather than overwhelmed, hopeless, or apathetic. On a larger scale, this education change will encourage informed decision-making, play an essential role in increasing the adaptation and mitigation capacities of communities and empower individuals to adopt sustainable lifestyles. The impacts of education reach far beyond the classroom, which is vital to combat climate change. With that said, we hope that you join us in our mission for change.

CERBC Organizing Team

*We acknowledge that CERBC is not the first to be advocating for climate action and that First Peoples have been leading and are continuing to organize for climate and environmental justice for generations before us across Turtle Island. We are thankful to reside, work and study on First Peoples' traditional, unceded, and stolen territories across so called "British Columbia."*