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## FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE

### Our Children Are Standing Up For Us Let's Stand With Them

#### What is #FridaysForFuture?

Children are required to attend school. But with the worsening climate destruction, going to school begins to be pointless. Students are asking us:

- Why study for a future which may not be there?
- Why spend a lot of effort to become educated, when our governments are not listening to the educated?

#FridaysForFuture is a movement that began in August 2018, after 15-years-old Greta Thunberg sat in front of the Swedish parliament every school day for three weeks, to protest against the lack of action on the climate crisis. She posted what she was doing on Instagram and Twitter and it soon went viral.

After the Swedish general elections, held September 9, 2018, Greta decided to continue striking every Friday until the Swedish government reduces its carbon emissions in accordance with the Paris Agreement.

Students all over the world are standing up. You can find a map of worldwide actions (including Canada) at the following website: <https://www.fridaysforfuture.org/events/map>

If you don't see an event there, you can still discuss climate change with your children or contact an MP and demand change.

The science is clear. We have limited time to act. Alternatives are possible but we must pursue them now. There will be no jobs on a dead planet but a Just Transition could generate new jobs and create a sustainable society.

Through our Delivering Community Power campaign, we aim to act with all sectors of society, including Canada Post, to create a sustainable post-carbon economy and give future generations a chance.

It is noteworthy that a crown corporation with the largest vehicle fleet in Canada receives no government subsidies while private corporations and large polluters do. It is of concern that those delivering mail do so in increasingly volatile, unexpected, and severe weather conditions.

We are facing a certain climate catastrophe where severe weather events are becoming the norm. This must change and we must act to benefit society and our communities.

Greta requests that people strike in front of their closest town hall, every Friday until our governments act. Take a picture and continue to grow the movement's presence online using the hashtags:

- #FridaysForFuture
- #Climatestrike

If not now, when? If not us, who? Please show your support if there is an event in your community. Together we can fight for a different future and a better society.

In solidarity,



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