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Hi guys! My name is Lucy Hisey. My pronouns are she/her and I am a sophomore here at Rex Putnam. I am standing here today in front of you all for one purpose; and that's climate change. (and frankly I'm just going to dive right in)

We, the youth are standing up for our future. We are here, gathered together, making ourselves be heard.

It is not our fault that the planet is in this state, or that humanity as a whole is endangered. Yet we must fight for change and fight for action as if our lives depended on it, because it does.

A request we have of the school system is the integration of climate justice education. This will ensure that everyone be rightly educated on this very serious topic that is backed up and supported by science, and therefore should be made non-controversial.

The second request we have is addressing the county. We ask that there be an established youth oversight board on the climate crisis. The role of this board would be to ensure that every decision made by the county is good for the environment. We hope they also oversee school transitions to carbon neutrality and environmental sustainability.

Look around you. You, and the people you are surrounded by are the ones that are most affected by this crisis that is global warming. The future of humanity is in the hands of people that won't be here in twenty or forty years, where we will be the ones left to deal with the aftermath. Therefore we must do everything we can, right here, right now.

Thank you.