Class Project Action Plan

Useful Links:

- Class Project Research
- GC Hourglass/Framework for Action
- Target Brainstorm
- Tactics
- RI General Assembly

Focus Goal:

Advocate for the passage of the RI Recycling Reform Act (S3012/H7911) and Microplastics Reduction Act (S2534) and advocate for reduction of plastics consumption at School One.

Mon 5/4-Wed 5/6:

Develop Your Argument:

We decided to create flyers and possibly a short video or other digital content to spread the word about the issue and the bills. As part of this, we identified the following key areas to appeal to various stakeholders:

1. The impact of microplastics on **public health** and how these bills would help mitigate this impact
    a. Group: Nolan, Aurora, Lilly, Andy, Sofie
2. The impact of microplastics on **wildlife and aquatic ecosystems** and how these bills would help mitigate this impact
    a. Group: Rain, Joanna, Bennett
3. How these bills might be beneficial for **individual finances as well as overall economic health** in the state
    a. Group: Sam

On Monday 5/4, we'll split into 3 groups based on these approaches to research and develop talking points and shape our message to appeal to stakeholders using compelling/persuasive statistics, infographics, and creative/persuasive messaging. Take notes and share the document in our 2026 Plastics Reduction Class Project Folder.

Here are some useful sources to start:

- Texts for the bills (click on the numbers):
    - RI Recycling Reform Act (S3012/H7911)
    - Microplastics Reduction Act (S2534)
- From Savethebay.org:

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    - "Our 2026 Legislative Priorities", see "Tackling Plastic Pollution"
    - Advocacy: "Help Pass Recycling Reform to Reduce Plastic Pollution"
- From Clean Water Action Rhode Island:
    - "Zero Waste in RI: Fighting Plastics Pollution at Its Source"
    - "Take Action: We Deserve Better Recycling in RI!"
- From Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM):
    - Search on topics related to "Microplastics"
    - WWF: Globally, it is estimated that people consume around five grams of plastic every week.
- From National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):
    - "What Are Microplastics?"
    - Search on topics related to "Microplastics"
- Articles from Ecori.org:
    - "URI Researchers Find Smaller Amounts of Microplastics in Southern Narragansett Bay"
    - "URI Team Studying Microplactics in Local Waters"
    - "Pediatrician Describes Health Risks and Solutions to Country's Plastics Problem"
    - "Study Finds Microplastics Pose Deadly Threat to Corals"
    - "Our Clothes are Sending Microplastics into Nature. Science and Industry and Gearing Up to Fight Back"

Weeks 8-9 (5/11-5/20):

Create media & communications:

Flyers: Lilly, Bennett, Sofie, Andy

Infographics: Nolan

Website: Aurora, Sam

Video: Joanna, Rain

Weeks 10-11 (5/27-6/3):

Get the word out & rally support:

- **Monday 5/25: Memorial Day–no school**
- **Wed 5/27**
- **Mon 6/1**
- **Wed 6/3**

END OF TRIMESTER!