



Boston Latin School

BLS Youth CAN

Youth Climate Action Network

www.blsyouthcan.org

Dear Friend,

We would like to invite you to an exciting global warming event hosted by the Boston Latin School Youth Climate Action Network (BLS Youth CAN) in partnership with the Technology and Culture Forum at MIT. The Sixth Annual Global Climate Change Summit will take place on **Saturday, May 12, 2012, from 9: 30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.** at MIT in the Stata Center at 32 Vassar Street in Cambridge, Massachusetts. See our attached flyer and schedule of events.



BLS Youth CAN is an after school club concerned with the serious issue of global warming. We're taking action to network with other students, and building a youth coalition to address climate change. The 2012 Summit will be a day committed to educating other middle and high school youth and educators in the greater Boston area about the problem of climate change, providing everyone with great ways to take effective action in their own schools and communities. The BLS Youth CAN Annual Summit at MIT is free for all students and teachers in Massachusetts' grades 7-12. This year we're also inviting youth 18-24 years old to participate in our youth green careers expo within the Summit. We usually have 300+ attendees who spend the day engaged in sustainability workshops, activities, and exhibits, and enjoying prizes and entertainment focused on the importance of sustainability for addressing global warming. Invited guests at this year's summit include: EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, and BPS Superintendent, Dr. Carol Johnson, and Candidate for the 4th Congressional District in Massachusetts, Joe Kennedy III.

http://www.blsyouthcan.org/BLS_Youth_C.A.N./Climate_Summit.html



This year's summit is extra special because we are focusing on exciting examples of youth-led activism and youth-led sustainability in Massachusetts. We're partnering with the Boston Collaborative for Food and Fitness and the Boston Youth Environmental Network to bring



attendees a great selection of workshops, activities and displays focusing youth-led school food and social justice initiatives, school gardens, salad bars, composting programs, recycling programs, education for sustainability efforts, energy audits, and more. We'll be emphasizing a really big community initiative: a youth-led proposal for a shared green roof, called "The Boston Sustainability Center." http://www.blsyouthcan.org/BLS_Youth_C.A.N./Green_Roof.html Students have spent the past three years developing a proposal for a Boston Sustainability Center and now the community is getting involved to move the project forward towards Phase I construction. We are very proud to have created a proposal for a community resource aimed at educating students and teachers in Boston and beyond about the importance of sustainability. Come see the art from a community visioning session focused on the project.

We hope you will join us **Saturday, May 12th from 9:30 - 3:30 in the Stata Center at MIT (32 Vassar Street, Cambridge, MA)** Online registration for the Summit will begin @ www.blsyouthcan.org April 25. Make sure you sign up to get the workshops you want! Questions may be directed to our faculty advisor Cate Arnold @ catearnold@aol.com.

BLS Youth CAN 2012 Summit Schedule

9:30 - 10:00	Registration, Breakfast
10:00 - 10:50	Welcome, Opening
11:00 - 12:00	Morning Workshops
12:00 - 1:30	LUNCH Live music, photo booth, farmers' market, exhibitors, activities; & Green Careers Expo
1:45 - 2:45	Afternoon Workshops
3:00 - 3:30	Networking & Closing

Help us get the word out about this important chance to participate in positive change. Tell students, teachers, and environmental groups who might be interested! Downloads of the Summit Flyer and Summit Schedule are available @ www.blsyouthcan.org on the Annual Climate Summit page. Thanks, and we hope to see you at MIT on May 12th!
2012 Summit Planning Committee

Boston Latin School 78 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston MA 02115 617-635-8895 www.bls.org