

Dear [REDACTED]

Our names are [REDACTED]. We are members of the KEEP club. The K.E.E.P club is a group of almost 50 kids in grades 5-8 that work toward protecting the environment. We are at the Driscoll School.

Our school sold plastic water bottles for a long time and then it started to sell [boxed water](#). This was better but not good enough because the boxed water had plastic caps. The plastic caps jam up recycle machines and end up in the stomachs of birds, turtles, and other marine life. Then, this year, the Driscoll School community was surprised plastic bottles were being sold again! Lots of kids buy the bottled water. Plastic bottled water is not good for our environment or children. The plastic dissolves harmful chemicals into the water. If plastic goes into the ocean, the plastic just sits there and slowly dissolves into the water putting harmful chemicals into the water too. This ends up back in us.

You may not know this, but the town of Brookline has a by-law (Section 8.36) stating that “No department shall use Town funds to buy bottled (Non-flavored or sparkling) water.” We think you should know it is a violation to sell bottled water in our school. 113 people in the Driscoll community signed a petition to stop the plastic water bottles being sold in the Driscoll cafeteria.

We have found ways to fix the problem. The biggest solution is if you could get our school fountains (like the picture) that are good for filling up reusable water bottles. If you feel you must sell bottled water, there is an aluminum water bottle company called [Open Water](#). They sell aluminum water bottles that are recyclable. Even the caps are recyclable because they are made of metal. The bottles don't put harmful chemicals into the water. To find out more about this, go to <https://drinkopenwater.com/>.



The K.E.E.P Club understands that this kind of change can be hard, but the K.E.E.P Club has the best intentions for Driscoll, the environment, and the students who buy lunch every day. It is up to you to make necessary changes for Driscoll.

Thank you for reading the letter and the petitions we created.

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5th grade representatives of the K.E.E.P. Club