

Dear Principals of Stamford Public Schools,

Plastic consumption is an issue that if not taken care of, will greatly affect future generations on our planet. China, the country that we relied on to take our recycling, now refuses to accept our trash. This creates a problem for us, as we do not have enough space for the amounts of waste we produce daily. And to make matters worse plastic can decompose, but it will never completely disappear from the Earth. An estimated 9 million tons of plastic ends up in our oceans every year. If we do not put an end to this, in 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the sea by weight. When left in water, the plastic disintegrates into micro plastics to be consumed by fish. These fish eventually end up on our dinner plates, meaning that toxic plastic unfortunately makes its way into our food chain.

My name is Caroline Blum, and I am a sophomore at Westhill High School. I am also a Girl Scout working on my Gold Award. My project is to bring awareness regarding the problems that plastic straws create to Stamford, and to reduce plastic straw usage.

Chartwells is addressing this problem by reducing plastic straw usage. Plastic straws will no longer be offered in school cafeterias. We appreciate your support and hope this provides an opportunity to educate students on how easy it is to make an impactful change to positively affect our planet.

Thank you,  
Caroline Blum and Chartwells