

COMMUNICATING CLIMATE CHANGE



ST. CLAIR MIDDLE SCHOOL:
Be The Change For Climate Change
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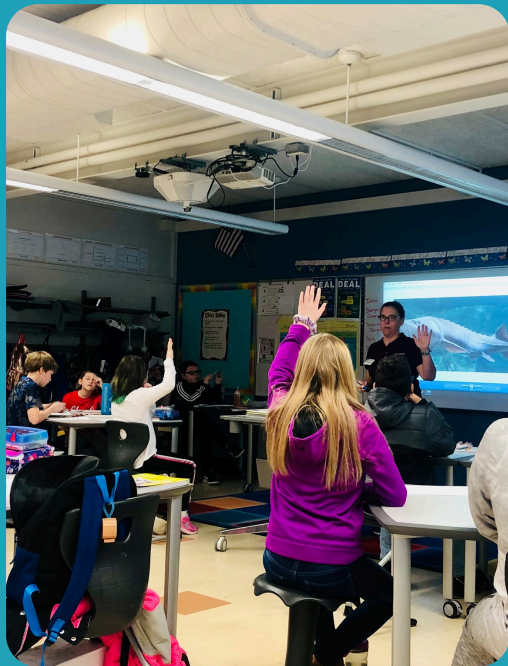
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative
- MiSTEM Region 6
- East China School District
- St. Clair Middle School

THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL

This environmental action project is an outcome of a four-part professional learning series led by the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative, *Communicating About Climate Change in Our Classrooms and Communities*. The series was designed to help K-12 educators communicate about the climate crisis by providing strategies to help navigate climate conversations.

Friends of the St. Clair River developed a classroom presentation to help students understand climate change at a scale for each student to feel comfortable. The student's selected a mural as their climate change communication strategy. Tangible products encourage students to apply knowledge in a hands-on way, and art provides a compelling opportunity to educate the community.



INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION

A St. Clair River Middle School Art teacher and Environmental Science teacher collaborated to address the 8th grade Climate Change unit. Class time was provided to work on the murals, the school provided art supplies and guided painting techniques, and Friends provided the canvases. Students were challenged to communicate their thoughts, feelings or facts about climate change on their own canvas. Each canvas was connected into one large art piece.



Capstone Project: Be The Change For Climate Change
Forty-eight individual canvases are mounted onto eight boards, that when assembled together, create a collage that communicates messages about climate change.

CAPSTONE PROJECT

The student's final action project is a portable art exhibit that is on display to promote awareness of climate change and to share young people's feelings on the topic.

