



Minutes

Coordination Committee

Monday, January 12th, 2026, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Microsoft Teams

Present:

Beatrice Ekoko
Chyler Sewell, Green Venture
Danielle Murphy, CANSTOREnergy
Denis Corr, Citizen
Dr. Charles Hostovsky
Ed Gondar, Citizen
Geoffrey Knapper, HEIA
George Mckibbon
Heather Govender – Presenter Green Venture
Julie Wedzinga
Kaela Buck, MECP
Kristina Zukauskas
Matthew Parsons
Mike Stinissen Dofasco
Natalie Stacey, MECP
Neil Lucas
Pascale Marchand
Phoebe Tung (HC/SC)
Sara Yonson
Shelley Rogers, City of Hamilton
Stacey Currie, City of Hamilton
Susan Chapman, STAND for Stoney Creek
Tim Hung
Zobia Jawed, Chair
Zoe Davis, ECCC

1. Land Acknowledgement

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers ([source](#)).

2. Approval of December 2025 meeting minutes

Approved with 8 votes

Presentations:

3. Air Care 2024, Green Venture (20 minutes)

Questions

How were you selecting the schools and ensure that it was from an inclusivity and equity lens and that all schools had an equal opportunity.

Have some strong partnerships at the school boards and with other organizations who support priority schools, and we do our best to reach the schools who don't always have access to this type of program because this is a funded program that we can offer free of charge, we want to make sure that they that those schools get first right of refusal. If we still have space then we'll move on to other schools who usually have access to programming or who have accessed it before.

Also, if there are multiple schools requesting the program, we will go to the schools who haven't yet participated before repeating schools, but we have sometimes repeated schools, but with a new set of students.

Discussion Items:

4. Dust and Particulate Matter group updates, (5 mins)

Continuing to work on our pulling together a PDF for what to do in the case of an industrial fire. Where to get information and how they're handling it within the community. Pulling information on wood burning, examples backyard wood burning, and in their fireplaces and how to distribute that information throughout the Community. Next week at our meeting, we plan to talk about Street Sweepers because our team from fleet and Roads has reached out to us and asked us for some feedback on that. We are hoping to maybe collaborate with the educational group as well because we know that our PDF and our wood burning work is probably overlaps.

5. Upwind Downwind Conference updates, (5 mins)

Booked for May 26th at David Braley Centre. Themes will be used for the call to speakers that Zobia and Stacey will be sending out this week. Looking at panel discussion and would like to have a diversity of speakers. We are looking to have students participate,

Possible overall theme: Addressing Environmental Racism & Inequity in Urban Air Pollution.

Urban air pollution is shaped by a combination of emission sources, atmospheric processes, land-use planning, and regulatory controls. Increasingly, technical analysis and public health research have shown that these factors do not affect all populations equally. Long-standing decisions related to zoning, transportation corridors, and industrial development can influence where higher pollution levels occur, and which communities experience greater exposure and associated health risks.

This conference theme focuses on environmental racism and inequity as key considerations in assessing and managing urban air pollution. Informed by air quality monitoring, exposure

assessment, and public health data, the program will examine how historical development patterns, infrastructure placement, and regulatory frameworks have contributed to uneven pollution burdens across urban areas.

The theme will feature expert presentations addressing exposure disparities, health outcome evidence, and the implications for policy, planning, and industrial practices. Speakers will be invited to share technical findings, applied case studies, and professional experience, with an emphasis on practical approaches such as improved monitoring and data integration, transparent and inclusive engagement, and decision-making processes that are responsive to community-level conditions. The program positions equity-informed analysis as an integral component of effective air quality management, supporting sound policy development, cross-sector collaboration, and long-term protection of public health.

Possible Sub Themes:

1. Best available controls and incremental improvements

This conference theme focuses on **Best Available Control Technology (BACT)** as a cornerstone of Ontario's approach to managing and reducing industrial air emissions. Grounded in the province's **Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA)** framework and technical standards under the **Environmental Protection Act**, the program will highlight how incremental, achievable improvements—through equipment upgrades, process optimization, and operational best practices—can deliver measurable air quality benefits. The theme emphasizes continuous improvement and regulatory practicality, positioning BACT as an effective mechanism for advancing emissions reductions while supporting compliance certainty and operational stability. The program will feature presentations from experts across industry, government, and academia, showcasing case studies, practical experience, and lessons learned. Presentations may also highlight emerging technologies, advanced monitoring methods, or innovative process optimization techniques, offering insights that appeal to forward-looking experts and practitioners.

2. Clean Moves – Low-Emission Transportation Future

This theme explores technologies, projects, and strategies driving a low-emission transportation future, with the co-benefit of reducing NO_x, PM_{2.5}, SO₂, and other traffic-related pollutants. Sessions will cover electrification of personal and public transit, municipal fleet transitions, clean freight strategies, and partnerships that deliver measurable air quality and health improvements.

Speakers may present case studies, corridor-specific air quality improvements, and insights from transportation engineering and planning. The theme will also examine transformative trends such as autonomous vehicles and shared mobility, and their potential impacts on vehicle ownership, urban design, and transit systems. Futures-focused discussions will explore how different mobility scenarios could influence emissions, exposure, and city planning.

By combining near-term solutions with forward-looking perspectives, this theme provides a platform for sharing practical strategies, technical expertise, and innovative approaches to cleaner, healthier, and more equitable transportation systems.

3. Land Use Compatibility and Air Emissions

Land use compatibility and air contaminate emissions are continuing municipal concerns. Provincial land use compatibility guidance is outdated and myriad changes to the municipal planning regime misuse that guidance or leave communities unprotected and without ways to address this challenge. This session explains air contaminant risk management as a means of providing information municipal decision makers and community residents need to

make better land use and transportation planning and design decisions. The discussion will explore how risk management tools can be applied to address land use compatibility challenges, protect public health, and improve planning outcomes in evolving urban environments.

6. Looking for CAH meeting presentations past March.

Looking for presenters for our monthly meetings. We have ones booked through March and April will be the workshop (no presenter) and May is the conference. Therefore, looking for June- December.

7. Community Experiences: an opportunity for anyone to share local air quality experiences, All (10 minutes)

Ed Gondar mentioned how he can smell smoke from neighbour's fireplace burning in his parent's home and is interested in seeing where this goes in the future.

Susan Chapman- asked Kaela (MECP) if they had an update of how many complaints were received 104- received in December about GFL. 2447 complaints for all of 2025 were received about the odour coming from GFL. MECP updates noted some environmental penalties that have been given to GFL. 3 ECAs were given to GFL and those were for the construction of their new leachate treatment facility. These updates are on GFL's website. Further asked Kaela if anything else community members could do to advocate for our Wellness. Kaela said those environmental penalties were those calls that we received from the public. So, we're able to kind of trend the data and react accordingly. The MECP was able to observe those incidents in real time as well, so I'd just advocate to the public to continue submitting your complaints and sending them to the Ministry or emailing or whatever method you prefer so that we can respond and follow up with GFL and make sure that we're documenting everything. If there's any compliance action that we need to take then we can have that support to do so.

Denis Corr – mentioned that PH has a very interesting initiative starting about the impacts of air pollution on mental and neurological health. Suggested it would be beneficial to have Ruth speak in one of our upcoming CAH meeting.

8. Roundtable Updates: an opportunity for everyone to share with CAH participants events or updates that relate to CAH and that you are engaged in, All (10 minutes)
1st meeting for Outreach and Education Working group is meeting January 15th at City Hall.

Next meeting
February 9th, 2026

3:00-5:00pm

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Air Care 2024/2025

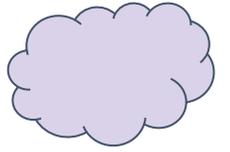
January 12th 2026

Heather Govender & Chyler Sewell



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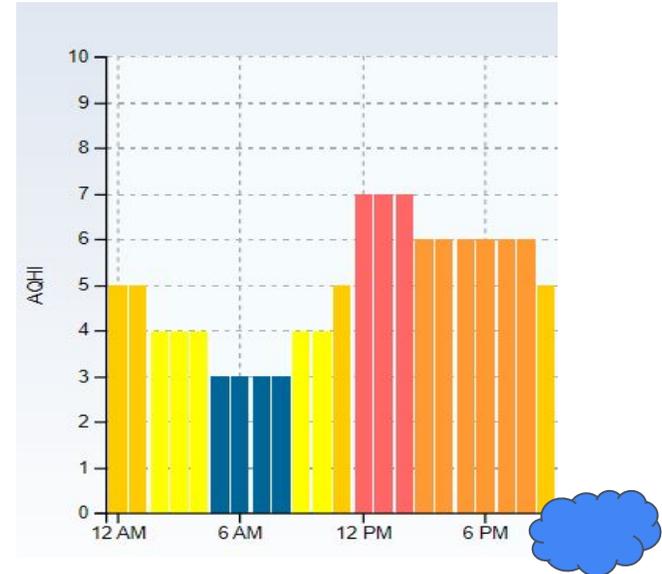
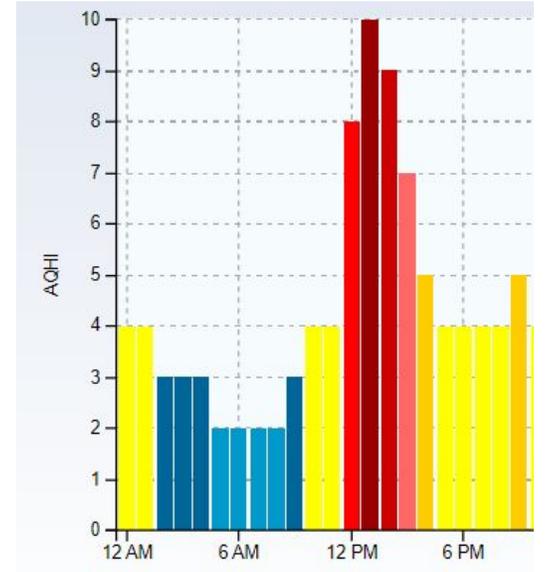
Program Delivery Outline



Part 1: Air Quality Education Overview: 60 minute in class visit.	Part 2: Air Quality Monitoring Overview: 30-45 minute schoolyard stroll.	Part 3: Creating A Campaign Overview: 60 minute in class visit.	Part 4: Wrap Up Overview: In class visit.
Description: Green Venture staff will introduce air quality, pollutant sources, how air quality affects human health, and play a cilia themed air quality game and air quality true or false.	Description: Students join us outdoors for a stroll around their schoolyard to monitor the air quality with handheld monitors. The data gathered from this stroll are used during class time to practice graph making.	Description: Green Venture staff introduce the idea and structure of a campaign. Together the group workshops ideas for their campaign. After the visit, during class time, students create campaign materials and display them in their community on their own or with guidance from Green Venture staff as needed.	Description: Students share the results of their campaigns and Green Venture staff talk to students about their favourite parts of the program and the results of their campaign, and share their Certificates of Completion. Following this, students complete the program survey & return pledge forms.



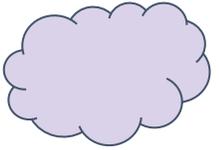
Wildfires





Care for the Air!

What can we do?



1. Learn about air quality!



2. Be aware! Check the AQHI



3. Take action!





How Can We Take Action?

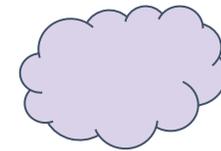


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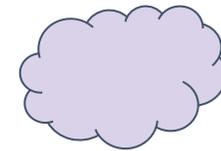


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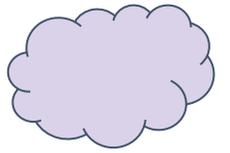


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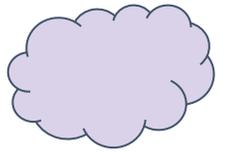
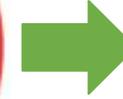
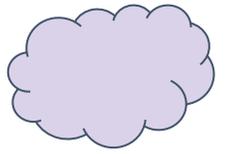


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Independent Classroom Activity



Step 1:
Workshop your
campaign to develop
ideas

Step 2:
Deliver your
Anti-Idling Campaign!

Step 3:
Wrap-up and share
results, continue to
teach others!

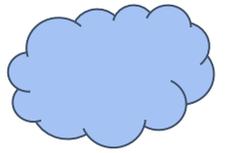




2024/25 Participants: Full Program



School Name	Address/Classes	# of Students Participating
Cootes Paradise (HWDSB)	900 King St W, Hamilton, ON L8S 1K6 Two Grade 3 classes	49
Lawfield (HWDSB)	45 Berko Ave, Hamilton, ON, L8V 2R3 One Grade 4/5, one Grade 5 class Delivery in English and French	47
Hess St (HWDSB)	107 Hess St N, Hamilton, ON, L8R 2T1 One Grade 5/6, one Grade 6/7	49
Holy Name of Jesus (HWCDSD)	181 Belmont Ave, Hamilton, ON L8L 7M5 8 Classes from Grade 3-8	210



2024/25 Participants: Modified Program

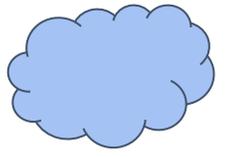


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Holy Name of Jesus (HWCDSB)	181 Belmont Ave, Hamilton, ON L8L 7M5 6 Primary Classes (Grade 1-3) for assembly-style presentation	150

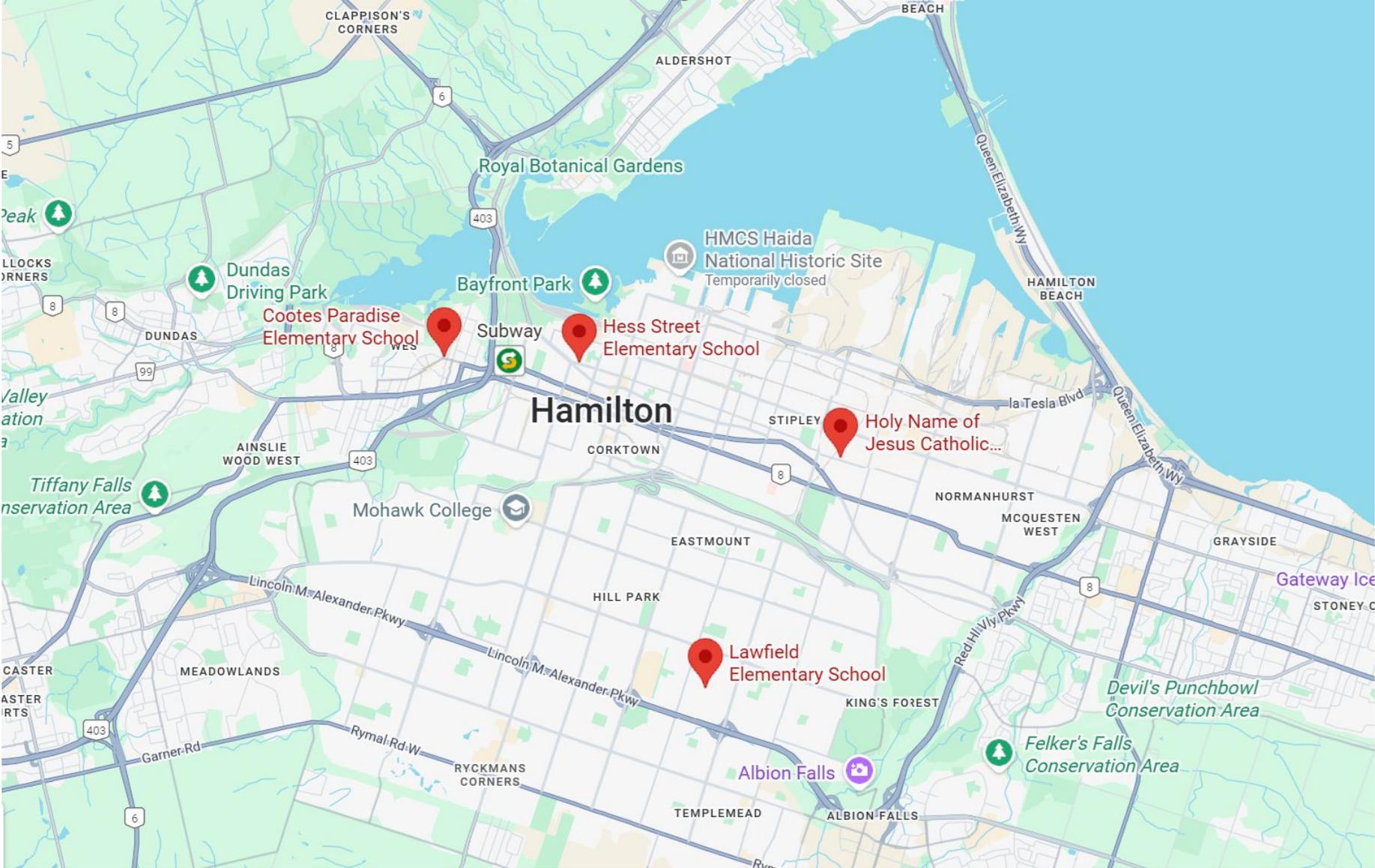




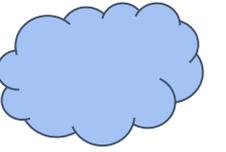
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Map of School Locations



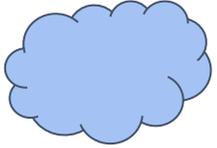
2024/25 Key Outcomes



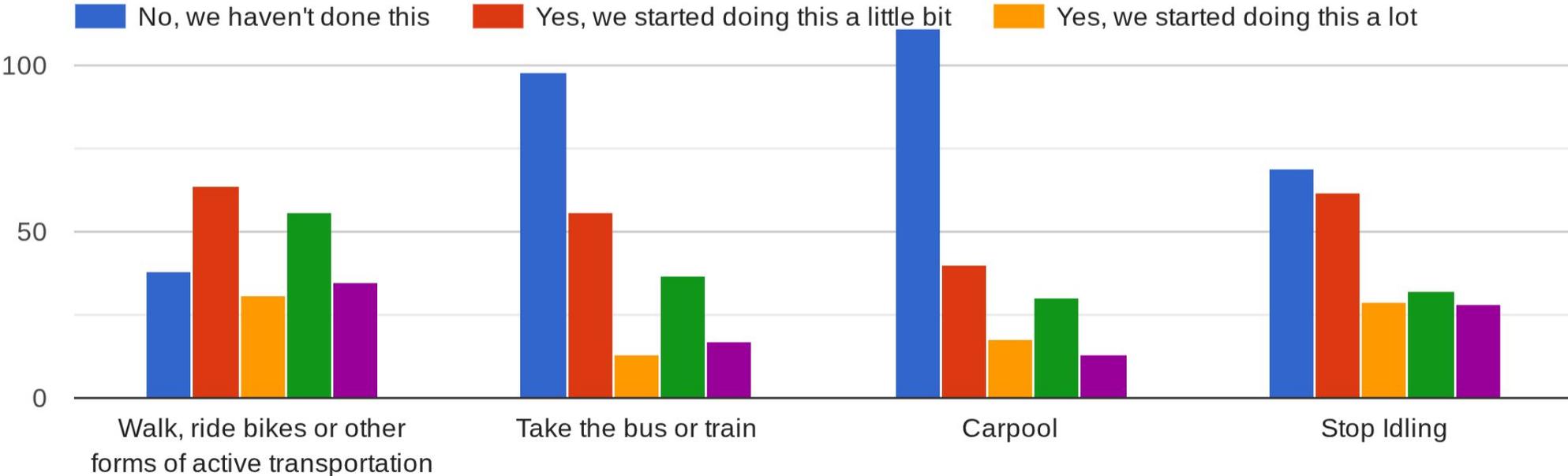
- A total of 505 students and 17 teachers across 4 schools were directly impacted through in-school participation in Air Care
- Many more students and their families were or will be indirectly impacted
- Post program surveys indicated 73.2% of participants had an increased understanding of how to improve air quality
- ~25 student films were created by students who completed the filmmaking workshop. 17 of these were screened at Clean Air Day in June



2024/25 Key Outcomes (Air Care)



Since starting Air Care, have you or your family done any of the following to reduce pollution from car use?





Thank You, Clean Air Hamilton!

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