

Letter to Editor: Kudos to the students

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To the Editor:

Southwest Harbor is one of Maine's first towns to ban single-use plastic bags, thanks to the students at Pemetec Elementary School. Our town and our world are better off for this lasting change in our collective habits of consumption.

Making change in the world is not new to our school. Pemetec's students were key players in the decision to install solar panels on the school's roof.

And we can all thank "Pemetec Problem Solvers" in the 1990s for reversing the town's plan to develop Chris' Pond, thereby preserving a valuable habitat and creating a skating area for all of us to enjoy forever.

It feels important to give a shout out to the school—and to Ms. Bonnie Norwood in particular—for honoring student voices, engaging our youth in learning that matters, and helping students participate in civic affairs and local government. This is how we grow our next generation!

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