

**To: Senate Committee on Education**  
**From: Sam Even, Dante Acevedo**  
**Re: HB 2762**

Hi my name is Sam. I am in the 3rd grade at Sunnyside Environmental School. And I am Dante, I am a 4th grader from Sunnyside Environmental School. Today I am here to talk about the polystyrene health hazards. According to a Harvard fact sheet polystyrene is really bad for our health.

- Polystyrene food trays leach the toxin styrene when it touches warm foods, acidic foods or warm drinks. Many of the foods kids eat in schools is warm and acidic like oranges and chicken.
- Styrene is also a neurotoxin. That means it is poisonous to nerve tissue.
- Polystyrene contains the toxic chemicals styrene and benzene which are suspected carcinogens that are hazardous to humans.
- Styrene is stored in our fat tissues.

Given this information, why would anyone want their kids to eat off these trays?

Thank you for your time.