



## SLINGSHOT CHALLENGE PARENT LETTER

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**Dear Families,**

We are excited to share a unique opportunity for students to participate in the Slingshot Challenge, an innovative youth initiative supported by the National Geographic Society and Allen Family Philanthropies.

This challenge is designed for young people ages 13–18 and encourages them to become problem-solvers, advocates, and stewards of our planet. Through the Slingshot Challenge, students will research, create, and share one-minute videos that propose solutions to environmental issues in their communities.

It's a flexible and creative project that empowers students to use their voices and ideas to make a positive impact. In addition to promoting environmental awareness, the challenge also supports real-world learning and helps students practice the English skills they're developing in school.

Key skills students will build through this challenge include:

- **Project-based learning**
- **Communication and presentation skills**
- **Critical thinking**
- **Collaboration**
- **Problem-solving**
- **Service-oriented thinking**
- **21st-century skills**

Please note, if your child is under 18, they will need to **enter a parent/guardian email address and get their consent** to participate. The deadline for submissions is **February 6, 2026**.

We hope you'll encourage your child to take part in this exciting opportunity. By participating in the Slingshot Challenge, students can take a meaningful step toward creating a better future—for themselves and for the planet.

Warm regards,

**Questions? Contact [slingshot@ngs.org](mailto:slingshot@ngs.org).**