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Issue I have chosen the topic of banning rolling backpacks. At my middle school there were many rolling backpacks that were causing issues. They would hit people, cause traffic jams in the halls and class rooms, they are a fire hazard because they clog up the aisles in the classrooms, they damage school property, and they even cause clutter on the already crowded busses.

Project Description We decided that it would be best to ban rolling backpacks completely, with the exception to those who medically need them. To bring a rolling backpack to school you must turn in a doctor's note saying that you need one, and to make sure you aren't constantly getting stopped in the halls we will give you a tag to put on your backpack signaling that you are allowed to have it. We have contacted a principal at another school asking if she agreed that rolling backpacks were a hazard. She got the chance to come to our school to check out the issue first hand. After the visit she stated that at our school she would ban rolling backpacks since our hallways and classrooms are already extremely crowded without the help of pointlessly huge backpacks. I have also read on the subject finding that the ACA has stated "Although the use of rollerpacks has become popular in recent years, the ACA is now recommending that they be used cautiously and on a limited basis by only those students who are not physically able to carry a backpack." I also found a chiropractor who specializes in backpack injuries said that rolling backpacks were now the primal reason for emergency room trips caused by backpacks.

Project Outcome Though our principal hasn't agreed to anything yet. I am hoping to bring to attention the seriousness of the issue at hand. And now that I am in Washington D.C bringing to light the issue to more than just one person I hope that it will spread to more schools, and that my research will end up helping kids who struggle with the rolling backpack problems in their school.

Request I would like to know if they understand the issue. I have had some people say how it isn't that big of a deal, so I would like to know if I have made it clear that it is. I would also like to know that if I wanted to take this project any further and try to effect more than just a few schools who would I take this project to?