



Case Study One

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In the video *We The Young People*, students in a civics class at St. Francis Xavier in St. Paul, Minnesota, were asked to identify an issue in their school. After talking about it for awhile, the students cited traffic as a major issue. The numbers of crossing guards had recently been decreased by ten due to budget cuts. As a result fewer adults were monitoring the cars racing by the front of the school. The students, afraid they might get hurt, thought their local government should help them. Their teacher called the districts city council representative, but had to leave a message on the answering machine. After three weeks the class had still not heard from their representative. Finally, a secretary of an alderman called them to say there was nothing the representative could do. The kids gave up and cars continued to race by endangering the students.

Please respond to the following questions. Continue on back if necessary.

What is the issue?

What is the problem?

Why wasn't the problem solved?

What would you do differently? Create an action plan with at least three steps.