

To gain support for our public policy, which is starting school at a later time, we would start by raising awareness for the problem in our community and showing how it could benefit students. Our policy suggests that instead of starting school at 7:15 am and ending at 2:30 pm, we should give students an extra 30 minutes in the morning to get more rest before class starts, and end 30 minutes later to allow enough time for a complete school day without significantly impacting any community schedules outside of the school system. By pushing back the school day, everyone involved with the school system will be able to reap the benefits of this plan.

We can gain support for our solution by spreading our opinion to other peers who also experience issues caused by an early start time, and hope that it will gain traction. Teachers, students, and tired parents would be one of our main support groups, meanwhile, we would have to work harder to convince the Board of Education and eventually the state government to get our proposed public policy implemented.

We could also post about it on our public social media pages, sharing our ideas and putting the thought into people's heads that school start time is an issue for many students and parents, and may be something we can change if we work together as a community. By reaching out to families, we are able to gain the support of the community, which represents what the majority of the people want. The community's support in this will be a valid voice in the matter and will eventually turn it into something that can not be ignored.

After gaining the attention and support of our community, we will work towards informing our local and state government officials. We could start small, like presenting our solution to the problem to the Board of Education. Through us showing our research and data we have gathered during this project along with voices from the community like, students, teachers, and parents who have personal experience with the problem, we will be able to build credibility

and show that the solution is realistic and attainable. Hopefully, by presenting our evidence-based research, our local community and government officials will be able to implement a later school start time that will support both student and faculty success. Our ultimate goal with this project is to inspire a permanent change within our public school system that benefits not only West Virginia's current students, but the future generations to come.

