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Throughout the day I made sure to note any wasteful practices happening at my school. I saw most of these during lunch in the cafeteria. To start everyone throws their trash in one big trash bin. There is no recycling or compost meaning that some of that trash could be eliminated but instead it's just all thrown together. Also I noticed that not many people who bring their lunch use reusable containers instead they are using plastic baggies and throwing them away, wasteful. The school also doesn't use plastic trays, we use styrofoam trays that are only one use and thrown into the trash. Outside the lunchroom in the classrooms I noticed that every teacher has a trash bin and recycle bin but the recycle bin doesn't seem as used. What I mean by this is that a lot is thrown into the trash and most of which could be recycled. For example today I saw in one of my classroom a trash bin filled with white office paper that could have been recycled. This brings me to my next point that although now everyone has their own chrome book many of the teachers are still using a ton of paper which is wasteful and hurting our forest.

A small but I believe could be a major change is adding a large recycle bins next to every big trash bin in the cafeteria. My design to fix this issue is the following paragraph. First step would be looking up any already existing campaigns, specific bans the school has, and local laws about recycling bins being added. Next would be educating people in how a recycle bin would help and the issues that are caused by everyone throwing their recyclables with their trash. Start spreading the word to people in the school and talk, start campaigning and putting posters around the school to help people jump on board. Talk to the student body and student council about being involved. Also ask the Think Globally Act Locally club if they want to help. Start a petition for people to sign. After that, schedule a meeting with the principal and any other important school member that should be there. Prepare a powerpoint or speech to reason your point and prepare for setbacks. Offer to use the same company the school already uses for recycle bins in the classrooms just bigger ones. If finance is an issue then start fundraiser to get money. In the end the recycle bins in the cafeteria will be one step closer to help clean up our Earth.

The steps needed to add recycle bins are in the paragraph above.

People that need to be involved would be the student council, student body, principal, and as many students as possible who want to help.

Some logistical details that would need to be known is how much it cost to get more larger bigger recycling bins and how much it would cost to keep up with those. Any laws or regulations about recycling in the school or town.

Some potential barriers that could be reached is that the school just may not want to pay to keep up with the recycling bins. I think that not that many kids may want to help since not too

many kids are educated in global warming and the causes and how serious it really is. Also that the student council may not feel that it is that important of a task.

I would definitely consider completing this idea at my school I think it could be a great change that the school could benefit from.