**Step 1: Identify challenges in your community.**

 **Examples**

* **Improving Test scores Domestic Violence**
* **Impacting Military Families Veterans**
* **Pollution Diabetics**
* **Improving Nutrition Etiquette**
* **Leadership Assisting with Natural Disasters**
* **The Arts Global Mindedness**

**Step 2: Select an underlying problem that would make a major difference in your community.**

* **Choose one for a focus. Don’t forget the community may be your class, school, town, etc.)**
* **Be able to describe your area of concern.**

**Step 3: Produce Solution Ideas to “solve” your community challenge.**

* **Brainstorm many ideas that might solve the underlying problem in a variety of ways.**
* **Choose the solutions from various categories, such as business, education, etc.**

**Step 4: Select criteria.**

* **Develop the hard questions: “Will our principal agree to this?” “How will we afford this?” ETC., ETC., ETC.**

**Step 5: Apply the criteria.**

* **Ask these hard questions to decide which solution (or combination of solutions) should be addressed.**

**Step 6: Develop an Action Plan and IMPLEMENT it.**

* **Remember this may have several of your solution ideas combined.**
* **Document EVERYTHING---WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, and HOW…**
* **Use Timelines.**
* **Have HONEST REFLECTION.**