Make the Case

Read how a proposal uses reasons and evidence to guide a school decision.

5.P.EICC.2.e "Consume and produce texts in order to solve problems or influence decisions. (I/C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the student council's recommendation. Underline each reason that supports it, and number two details that serve as evidence, so you can see how the text tries to influence the principal's decision.

A Filling Station for Lunch

1. Our school has one water fountain near the gym, but many students eat lunch on the far side of the building. During lunch, a long line often forms at the fountain. Students sometimes leave the line without a drink because recess is about to start. The student council is asking the principal to decide whether to add a water bottle filling station near the cafeteria.

2. A filling station would help students get water quickly. The cafeteria is used by students from every grade, so its hallway is a convenient location. At a student council count last Tuesday, 28 students waited at the gym fountain during one lunch period. A second station could shorten that line and give students more time to eat, drink, and get ready for recess.

3. Adding a station also supports good habits. Drinking water can help people stay hydrated, especially after active play. The school already has a water line near the cafeteria, according to the building manager, so installation may be simpler than adding a line in another area. The student council recommends choosing the cafeteria hallway and asking the principal to review the cost this month.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What decision does the student council want the principal to make?

2. What detail in the passage shows that students need another place to get water?

3. What are two reasons the passage gives for placing the station in the cafeteria hallway?

4. How does the student council's count of students waiting in line help influence the principal's decision?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly three sentences to a school leader about one change you want at school. State the decision you want, give two different reasons, and include one fact or observation that supports your request.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · 5.P.EICC.2.e

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the student council's recommendation. Underline each reason that supports it, and number two details that serve as evidence, so you can see how the text tries to influence the principal's decision. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What decision does the student council want the principal to make?	**Choose the cafeteria hallway for a water bottle filling station and review the cost this month.**
2	What detail in the passage shows that students need another place to get water?	**During one lunch period, 28 students waited at the gym fountain.**
3	What are two reasons the passage gives for placing the station in the cafeteria hallway?	**Students from every grade use the cafeteria, and a water line already exists near the cafeteria.**
4	How does the student council's count of students waiting in line help influence the principal's decision?	**It provides specific evidence that the gym fountain has a long lunch line and that another station could help.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Please add a shaded bench near the playground. At dismissal, many students wait there in the hot sun, so a bench with shade would give them a safer, more comfortable place to wait. Also, the empty space beside the fence is close to the playground, so students could reach the bench without crossing the parking lot.

Accept answers that identify the recommendation, relevant reasons, and evidence from the passage. For the writing task, accept any school-related request with exactly three sentences, a clear decision, two distinct reasons, and a supporting fact or observation.