



# Writing Annotations

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Prompt: *The school board is considering extending the school day by two hours to improve student achievement. Your principal is gathering student opinions to help make this decision.*

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## Extending the School Day

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One homework although it's good for you. Students would have less time to do work on projects math papers and the homework from other classes at home. Because some teachers think more time in class the more the student gets done so more homework. also they could go fast on test and chapters but I still disagree on adding two hours.

Here at — Middle School you get out at 2:45. If it was two hours Longer we wouldn't get out till about 5:00 pm. Many kids would miss out on after school activities. Also many parents would like their kids to enjoy life. But if the school longer when would the parents be able to take them places while its late. Most families would be having dinner the time most students aproched home.

By the time some and many students get home it would be dark cold and dangerous for younger kids. You know them they can't wait to get out of school. Emagin the terror or fright many little kids must have walking home in the dark.

Parents Love their Know matter what. Still they like to see at least not perfect at least average grades. So I still disagree on adding two more hours to the school hours. I think that you should agree apou this statement that they should Not should add two more hours to the school day thank you.

I think our school should not extend the school days by two hours.

If we do extend the school days there would be more violence at schools, because more people will get mad at other people and get into fights in that extra two hours. Also there will be more violence with the gun shooting that goes on during school hours.

Teachers who teach at this school might not want to work an extra two hours every day for 180 days. If those two hours mean two more periods, who would want to teach us students. How would you find people that would want to work at a school and not care how long they would have to put up with kids.

The teachers I think have enough kids to teach as it is right now. If we get longer school days and that would mean the teachers would have to teach about one-hundred more students every day for the rest of the school years. There would also be a lot more papers to grade and a lot of kids to have to put up with.

It will also cost more money to have an extra two hours of school because students eat breakfast at around 6:30am every morning, then go to school and lunch at about 12:30pm and go home and eat a snack at 3:00pm. What are they going to do food wise for the students that have to stay an extra two hours every day for school? What are they going to eat? The teachers would have to give us students something to eat for like a snack at around 3:00pm, so we can stay focused on school work and not go to sleep from hungeriness.

More kids would leave to go to another school because they would not have enough time after school to hang out with their friends.

The schools would be getting alot more phone calls from parents because most kids have doctor appointments after school around 3:30- 4:00pm and those kids would have to miss school to go to them. Also kids have dentist and orthodontist appointments the would have to miss school also to go to them.

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More kids would skip school because they get board of school and how long it would be and they will hate the teachers that they have. They would also be getting trouble alot more because the day are longer than usual and they have more time to do stuff wrong.

That is why I think we should not extend school hours by two hours.

Dear Principal,

Kids today are always bored, tired, hungry, dazed out and even more tired during school. If the school's typical day is increased by 2 hours, there will be a lot more kids doing this. There may also be an increase in kids who skip school.

Parents may even fuss about this. They'll say thing like "why don't we spend much time together anymore" to their child. Arguments will break out between the two, and kids will start coming home late so they don't have to argue with their parents. I'm sure you'll get numerous call asking if the school knows where their son/daughter is. Soon the parents will become very annoyed and stressed out about not knowing where their kids are and start protesting against it.

Athletics. What if kids want to do after-school-activities like basketball, football, volleyball, wrestling, or track? Wouldn't kids be coming home pretty late since most of the sports are 2 hours long or more. Kids who are doing school sports will have no time to do anything, not even schoolwork. If a kid does manage to get his homework done, there may not be a chance to turn it in because kids will be going to sleep so late that they won't be able to wake up the next day.

Say a kid has a problem with a certain teacher and can't be tranfered to a different class. If the school day extends that means that the school periods extend also. Now what does the kid do if he has a problem with a teacher, walk out of class or not do anything and have his parents called? Now if there was a lot more kids who have this problem they'll be in trouble both at school and at home for bad grades and not doing anything in class. These kids will have the most difficult time keeping their grade up. The kids will tell their parents why they're getting bad grades and the parents will call school and everything would become crazy. Please if you could, try to reconsider your decision of increasing the school day by 2 hours.

Sincerely,

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Have you ever asked yourself,

“Where has the time gone?” Well I sure have and I’ve asked it plenty of times. You may think that our lives as teens aren’t as busy as yours. Maybe they aren’t but we still have plenty of things that have to try and fit into our lives such as chores, housework, pets, sports, friends, family, plus a six hour school day.

Adding two more hours onto our school day would just further confuse and complicate our lives. We kids already have a hard enough time trying to scrunch all these things into our schedule with a six hour day. Just imagine what it would be like with an eight hour school day.

As you know many teens already play on sports teams our have some kind of after school activity of their own. Many teenagers, such as myself, have already committed ourselves to such things as sports practices or have committed themselves to helping a team of people. And if two hours were added to the school day it might overlap with household responsibilities, such as taking care of pets, and doing chores. Another thing that we need is to have a little bit of “down” time where we can relax without worrying about all the pressures of being a teenager.

One reason you may think that extending the school day is a good idea, is because it would give the students that don’t learn as fast time to on the things they might not understand. This a good point, but what about all the students that are faster learners. If someone is reviewing all the stuff they know and understand, it may become boring and uneventful for some of the quicker learners.

So as you decide wether or not to extend the school day. I hope you think of all the things that you like to do outside of school. Things such as family and friends. and think of how difficult it might be to fit all those things into your life with tow extra hours of school.