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## The Four-day School Week

Less school means better schools. Currently, the average school week is five days in length: Monday to Friday. However, five days of school a week may be too much time in the classroom. As a result, the five-day school week should be shortened to four days to improve the quality of education.

A four-day school week would be more cost effective than the current five-day school week. If the state only has to pay employees for four days, it can save millions of dollars in payroll expenses. Furthermore, the saved money can be used to spend on other school costs. The state and local districts can expand sports programs and afterschool clubs. Teachers can get more money for classroom supplies that aid in student learning.

By reducing the school week to four days, students and teachers will find themselves in a better learning environment. Students will have three days to relax. Students can get involved in more extra-curricular activities, spend time with family and friends, and rest from the stress of school. This extra day off will result in students being more focused in their studies when they are in the classroom. In addition, teachers can benefit from an extra day off to better prepare themselves for the classroom. Teachers can correct more papers thus keep their students informed on a

more timely basis. Also, teachers can spend more time formulating lesson plans for their students.

Some people may disagree to a reduced school week. Parents may have difficulty in providing supervision for their children on the extra day off. Without an adult present, kids might get into trouble. However, parents do have options. They can enroll their children in day care programs like the YMCA. They can have children attend study skill schools and art academies. Everyone can benefit from a shortened week.

Education can be improved with a four-day school week. The state can reduced the payroll and spend the money elsewhere. Having an extra day off will result in better learning and teaching. In effect, better schools will lead to a better future.