**SHOULD SCHOOL DAYS BE LONGER?**

From edudemic.com

Back in the early days of Edudemic (November

2010), I wrote a simple post asking if school days should be longer. I think Edudemic had about

3 visitors a month at that point (thanks mom and dad!) so it didn’t get much traction. However, the post just got an interesting comment from Jamie Baird, a middle school teacher in North Carolina. Her students laid a Pros and Cons list on the topic of school days being longer. Here’s her comment. What do you think? Should school days be longer?

**The Students Weigh In**

Our 7th grade class thinks that this issue has pros and cons.

**Pros:**

- Students will learn more materials.

- Students can receive more help.

- Students will have more time for hands-on projects.

- If the school year was longer, students wouldn’t forget as much material over a long summer break.

**Cons:**

- Students will be too tired.

- Students will misbehave because they resent the change.

- Students won’t be able to spend as much time with their family.

- It will cost more money to extend the school year.

- If the day is extended, students will get home too late.

- Students won’t have time to complete homework if the day is extended.

- Students would miss out on extracurricular activities.

Out of 10 students, 4 students would extend the school year or day, 3 students would not extend the school year or day, and 3 students are undecided.

**Now It’s Your Turn**

Should the school day be longer? Respond using the pros and cons list above and add any of your own ideas. Give pros and cons of lengthening the school day as well as lengthening the school year.