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Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, my name is Jacob Belanger. I am 18 years old and I am from Mt. Ararat High School but go to Region 10 Technical High School for half a day. I personally believe that The Department of Education should change the model for technical education to having a full day at the technical school. Kids can get a better education with a full day at school. Kids will not have as much homework because you will get more accomplished in class, kids also won't have to ask their parents as much for help after school, and if a kid is struggling in that class the teacher will have more time to help the student without stressing about getting in the class lesson. But in the same sense I think that there should be time during the day to take breaks.

My first reason to support my reasoning is because kids will get more accomplished in a full day rather than in a half day of school. Right now we have half days and I don't feel like we get enough done in class. At the end of the day I still feel like my teacher has stuff he wants to say about what we were learning but doesn't have the time to finish. Also if a kid likes what program they are in and likes what they are doing they will have more time to do it. When a kid likes their program they are more likely to focus on what the teacher has to say and is more likely to learn and having a full day would be better to learn so the teacher can give a better explanation of the subject they are learning, and so it isn't so crammed through the day.

To add on my first reason kids will not have to ask their parents as much for help because they may not have as much homework because of how hard they work in class. During a full day of school kids will also be learning more. Parents do a lot for us and don't need to be doing our homework for us or helping us do it.

My final reason, I think it would be easier for a teacher to help a student out if that student is not understanding some information being taught. During a half day of school if a student needs help a teacher would help them but they wouldn't have enough time to get in all of the information for lesson that day. But with a full day of school the teacher would be able to get in all information for class and would be able to help the student.

Overall, as a student I would like to see the model for technical education shift to a full day. There are many different reasons why I believe this but my main reasons are because kids will get more accomplished in class, kids won't ask their parents for help as much. Thank you for your time and I really hope you consider the above.

Sincerely,

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