**Series of Opinion Paragraphs**

Is the new bell time (8:10 A.M.) suitable for high school students?

**No**

* Students are tired as it is, starting at 8:30 A.M., so an 8:10 A.M. start means they will have less sleep and be even more tired!
* Studies show that teens are generally more productive in the afternoon.

**Introductory Paragraph**

**Topic Sentence/Hook:** Imagine starting school every day at 8:10 in the morning!

**General Statement:** This will be the case for students of the WRDSB where they have recently announced that classes will begin at this time in most high schools.

**Roadmap:**

-Topic

-Attitude

-Direction (Body Paragraph 1 and Body Paragraph 2)

Starting the school day at 8:10 A.M. is not suitable for high school students because students are already tired and unproductive at the start of the day as it is and studies show that teens are more productive in the afternoon.

**Body Paragraph 1**

**Topic Sentence**: Currently school starts around 8:30 A.M. in most high schools and the students, even at that time, come to class tired and lacking motivation to learn.

**Point (of argument)**: Starting at 8:10 A.M. will only make students more tired and their class time will be less productive because they are lacking sleep.

**Proof**: As it stands now, 40% of high school students have slept through a class because they did not get enough sleep the night before.

**Comment**: With even less time to sleep this number is likely to double under the new schedule.

**Concluding Sentence**: Therefore, 8:10 A.M. is not a suitable time for high school students to start class if they are expected to be productive and motivated.

Now it is your turn! Complete the second body paragraph used to argue that the bell time is not suitable for high school students by focusing on the point of argument that teens are more productive in the afternoon. Don’t forget, your paragraph must be a minimum of 5 sentences!

-Topic Sentence:

-Point (of argument)

-Proof

-Comment:

-Concluding Sentence: