

SUMMER LEARNING OP-ED FRAMEWORK

Note: The framework below is intended to spark ideas as you draft an op-ed that best captures a perspective anchored in a timely, fresh new way and your personal connection to the summer learning issue.



PLACEHOLDER HEADLINE THAT IDENTIFIES KEY FOCUS OF OP-ED (Editors typically write their own headlines but this should give them a good sense of what the piece is about.)

By AUTHOR NAME(S)

OPEN WITH AN ATTENTION-GRABBING STATISTIC, PERSONAL ANECDOTE OR CLEAR STATEMENT OF YOUR MESSAGE – THE MORE ENGAGING THE BETTER. For example: Despite rapidly growing jobs in sectors demanding advanced skills, too many youth fail to make it through the workforce pipeline with the skills and education needed to succeed. While there are many reasons for this alarming trend, it's time we stop overlooking the largely untapped potential of summer to boost learning and develop our next generation of business leaders.

DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF SUMMER LEARNING LOSS. Summers without quality learning opportunities put our nation's youth at risk for falling behind – year after year – in core subjects like math and reading. By fifth grade, cumulative years of summer learning loss can leave low-income students 2.5 to three years behind their peers.

OUTLINE THE RESEARCH CASE FOR SUMMER LEARNING. For example: Research shows that high-quality learning opportunities of all kinds during the summer can make a difference in stemming learning loss—and ultimately, close the country's achievement gap between lower- and higher-income kids and better prepare our future workforce.

GIVE EXAMPLES (if applicable) of successful programs, opportunities and, if possible, include a real person or details.

DISCUSS LACK OF ACCESS. Unfortunately, most children and youth do not have access to high quality learning opportunities that will keep their hard-earned academic skills fresh.

SUMMARIZE A KEY POLICY GOAL OR SOLUTION.

CONCLUSION: If we want to effectively prepare children to become our next CEOs and high-skilled workers, we must invest in summer.

One sentence bio about author.



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