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This is in response to "Kids, knock off early!" (Editorial, June 6), about lengthening Chicago's school days. The editorial shared a common theme: that our kids simply aren't spending enough time in school for what they need to learn.

But it missed an important point: It's not the *number* of days that is critical, it's what is being done during the time kids are in school.

Today, teachers are losing a large chunk of productive teaching time because too much time is spent on classroom management and discipline issues.

Increasing the number of hours students spend in class or the number of days in the calendar year will result in more time spent -- and cost more in terms of supporting infrastructure, teacher salaries, etc. -- but won't necessarily lead to better educational outcomes.

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The most cost-effective way to increase the amount of learning time students are exposed to is to address the problems with classroom discipline using programs that focus on positive social skills and positive management processes. That approach will improve many things simultaneously without spending extra time or extra money because the time -- and the money -- is already in the system; it's just presently being wasted.

-- Corinne Gregory, Bellevue, Wash.

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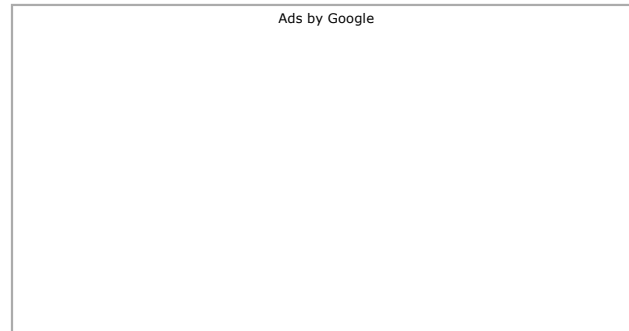
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