180 days...

we don’t think it’s too much to ask for Georgia’s children to have a fully-funded school year of 180 days...to have the time they need to learn, the resources and programs that will help them succeed, or the teachers and educational staff there to guide them along the way.

180 days.

If you believe Georgia’s children deserve this and more, then join with GAE in our fight to fully fund and fully staff a full school year.

Find out more, get involved, and make a difference at www.gae.org/180days

Connect with GAE!
Colorado  
Connecticut  
Massachusetts  
New York  
Tennessee
will add at least 300 hours of learning time to the school calendar in an effort to boost student achievement.

67%  
Georgia has the lowest high school graduation in the South and fourth-lowest in the nation. Only New Mexico, Washington, D.C., and Nevada are are behind Georgia.

Nearly 1 in 4 districts reported reducing its school calendar by more than one week this school year.

Nearly two-thirds of all Georgia school districts have cut instruction days—some by more than 30 days.

As few as 144.  
While Georgia schools drop from 180 days to as few as 144, schools in competing higher-performing countries like South Korea and Japan require students to attend nearly 200 days of school.

Since 2004, Georgia has cut nearly $1 billion from schools.

The 180 Days Initiative by GAE.
The Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) believes that every student should have a fully funded, 180 days of classroom learning. Returning to a fully-funded school calendar will strengthen our state’s public schools and increase student achievement.

This problem belongs to all of us—so does the solution.

Here’s what you can do to help.

1. Post this flyer—in your classroom, on your bus, in the window of your car.

2. Talk to parents. While some parents know there are fewer class days, most don’t. Help them understand what fewer fully-funded school days mean to their child/children.

3. Spread the word. Student achievement is a community issue. Talk to friends, neighbors, and more.

4. Connect. Go to www.gae.org/180days to learn more, get materials, and fix this problem.

You don’t have to be a GAE member to help fix this.
But if you’d like to know more about joining GAE, call 800-282-7142 or visit www.gae.org/180days

Join the 180 Days Initiative.  
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We know the secret to student achievement: TIME.

We keep cutting time from the school calendar. Then we wonder why Georgia has a problem with student achievement.

Since 2004, nearly $1 billion has been cut from schools. When the money gets cut, so do other things—like school days. And when that class time gets cut, our students suffer.

The good news? We can fix this. GAE has a plan.

“We don’t provide time for students to learn or teachers to teach. Then we wonder why we don’t get the results we want and need.”  
—Calvine Rollins  
GAE President & High School Counselor

In a recent survey by the Georgia Budget & Policy Institute (GBPI), 121 out of 180 school districts reported cutting school calendars to balance budgets.

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Restoration of full funding for a 180-day school year will end educator furloughs. When school budgets are fully-funded, no educator furloughs are necessary.