Argument Practice Paragraph

By eliminating summer break, year-round schools prevent students from forgetting the information they work so hard to learn in class. Summer break usually leads to students losing their familiarity with key concepts due to the extended period between using the information; this phenomenon of academic loss is known all too well by teachers as the “summer slide” (Harpaz). Summer slide is a major problem for students all over the nation, making it an issue that many teachers are forced to address instead of teaching new material. When teachers have to re-teach information from previous years, this seriously impedes the pace of their students’ education. Year-round schools address this problem by giving two- to three-week breaks throughout the year instead of one long summer break. Many critics of year-round schools point to the higher test scores that traditional schools, which retain a summer break, have. But while year-round schools may not cater as well as traditional schools to students of high academic achievement, the demographic that year-round schools do cater to are students who find it difficult to focus on staying in school because they come from homes that put little or no emphasize on academic achievement. Many traditional schools rely on summer school to keep troubled students on track but, “Some year-round schools also use the short breaks for enrichment, or remediation, which can keep struggling students on track throughout the year rather than dumping them in summer school” (Harpaz). Without summer break, year-round schools make summer school irrelevant, and this prevents them from relegating troubled students to classes of poorer quality over summer break. Eliminating summer school also means that the school does not have to pay for sub par education, so instead that money can go toward better classes that last the entire year rather than a couple of months. By omitting the months-long summer break, year-round schools help students retain what they are taught in class, which is the ultimate goal of education.