Argument Practice Paragraph

Year-round schools prevent students from forgetting the information they work so hard to learn by not having a summer break. Summer break usually leads to students forgetting key concepts due to the extended period between using the information; this phenomenon is known all too well by teachers as the summer slide or, “the academic loses that research shows hits kids from poor families hardest” (Harpaz). Summer slide is a major problem for students all over the nation, making it a problem that many teachers are forced to address instead of teaching new material. Forcing teachers to re-teach information from previous years seriously impedes the pace of their students’ education. Year-round schools address this problem by giving two to three week breaks through out the year instead of one long summer breaks. Many critics of year-round schools point to the higher test scores that traditional schools have. But while year-round schools may not cater as well as traditional schools to students of high academic achievement, what year-round schools do cater to are students who find it difficult to focus on staying on 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 and instead that money goes towards 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 there taught in class which is the ultimate goal of public education.