

# Spring unbroken

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Spring acts as a leaping point for the end of the school year. This lack of school gives students the final break until summer commences. Some schools, however, have removed the break in full, and have made modifications to the rest of the schedule to compensate. This concept may seem plausible for delivery to our school, but it is a wholly bad idea. A full spring break allows for freedom in the equilibrium of hot and cold, a nice spate of weather ending off the winter season and introducing the searing summers.

One school district near ours that does this is North Linn, which instead of a full week break, has a break over Easter lasting about four days (not counting the weekend). This occurs in April, as does Easter. Along with this, they get out in late May instead of early June. This situation appears solid and interesting, but certain flaws become apparent after thinking through their particular system.

A spring break should occur to

allow for students to get a full, cool off time from school. Our break

of days is a much fuller break, as we do not have to return to school between one weekend to the break for an insignificant amount of days. Along with this, March acts as an almost equal distance between winter break and the end of school, giving students that last big break they need before they're in it for the long haul until June.

Removing this break outright would also harm the plans of countless students. People planning in advance for vacations would have to scramble to realign their plans to not hinder their school experience. Either that or they would just throw caution to the wind and go through with their plans anyway. This, thinking from the standpoint of a staff member, does not look like a good thing.

Spring as a season is the perfect place for a break as well. The weather is pretty much perfect, while winter break is riddled with onslaughts of snow storms and crazy amounts of freezing cold. Summer contains a contrast of heavy heat. Spring finds a middle point between these two extremes, acting as a great time to be free of educational shackles.

Spring entails fun, a fun that cannot be had in school. A break must be had during this time in order to obtain full enjoyment. Attempts at removing this break should be met with refutation. The only thing we have to lose are our breaks.

# Personal space?

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It sounds nice not having to worry about where to park each day. But really there are more negatives than positives that would happen with this change.

What would the school do if just one person parked in a spot that wasn't their's? How will they decide who gets what spot? The huge fight that would happen is that some people are going to get the "good" spots and others stuck in the "crappy" spots. There is no fair way to do that. The only option there is the one we already have. That is first come first serve.

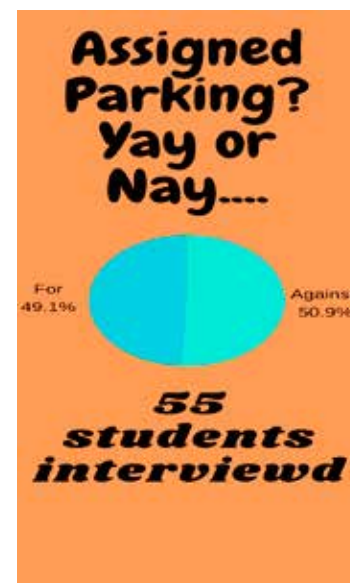
First come first serve parking is fair because if you decide to get up earlier in the morning then you get what you might deem as a better spot. But then if you sleep through your alarm then you have to deal with the consequences of having as many options for parking.

This also prepares students for the real world. When you get a job or go to college, they

normally don't have assigned parking, so it's good for us to learn the lessons of being on time in order to get a good parking spot.

A huge issue with assigned parking is the problem the school and students would have if just one student parked in a spot that was not their's. Then that student is going to have no idea what to do when they arrive at school and now have no place to park. They're probably just going to park in another open spot and it will just keep happening. This will be a huge mess and cause a bunch of chaos.

This could lead to more anxiety among some students because they could worry every day about if someone is going to park in their



A poll of 50 students showed that 50.9% of students questioned are against having assigned parking.

spot. Then when they get to school they'll have to try and find a new place to park.

The parking system we have now is working well, so why would we want to change it if nothing is wrong.



Out of a convenience poll of 50 people, 36 wanted a spring break that's 1 and a half week or higher, 13 wanted a one week break, and only 1 was fine with no break.

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