



Lower the current mandatory age for beginning school from age 7 to age 6

We know from recent research that children are born ready to learn. They cultivate 85 percent of their intellect, personality and skills by age five. The sooner children participate in a learning environment that develops not only literacy and math but socio-emotional skills the more likely they are to succeed in all their years in school. Having children start school no later than age 6 makes good sense.

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