

# Appendix E

## Student handout: Town hall role cards

<b>Notice:</b>	Town Hall Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some of you have seasonal jobs and cannot take any summer vacation</li> <li>• the cost of summer daycare and camps is very expensive and finding spots for your children is very stressful</li> <li>• some of you have children that are in athletics or arts programs and a lot of training happens in the summer</li> <li>• you are concerned about how to find care for your children if there are lots of breaks during the school year</li> </ul>
<b>Date:</b>		
<b>Topic:</b>	Changing the School Year Calendar	
<b>Your Role:</b>	<b>Parent</b>	

<b>Notice:</b>	Town Hall Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the school year is predictable for you and you look forward to summer vacation</li> <li>• school does get hard and you do feel that you need more breaks</li> <li>• sometimes it is hard to come back in September after two months off</li> <li>• you are in a lot of different activities during the summer and after school that depend on the school year staying the same</li> </ul>
<b>Date:</b>		
<b>Topic:</b>	Changing the School Year Calendar	
<b>Your Role:</b>	<b>Elementary Student</b>	

<b>Notice:</b>	Town Hall Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• research shows that students in countries that go to school more days a year than students in Ontario do better on standardized tests</li> <li>• it will cost a lot of money to install air conditioning for school during the hot summer months</li> <li>• you are concerned about the loss of learning that happens over the summer, research shows this is especially concerning for math skills</li> <li>• summer school would be eliminated if there was no summer break</li> </ul>
<b>Date:</b>		
<b>Topic:</b>	Changing the School Year Calendar	
<b>Your Role:</b>	<b>Government Official (Provincial)</b>	

<b>Notice:</b>	Town Hall Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you notice a decline in students when they come back to school in September</li> <li>• you always worry about those students who use the breakfast program during the year and whether they have access to nutritious meals over the summer</li> <li>• you work very hard and need a summer break; this is when you recharge but also take summer courses to improve your teaching</li> <li>• some of you earn extra money teaching summer school</li> </ul>
<b>Date:</b>		
<b>Topic:</b>	Changing the School Year Calendar	
<b>Your Role:</b>	<b>Elementary Teacher</b>	

<b>Notice:</b>	Town Hall Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your business relies on the school year</li> <li>• it is easier to find staff to work consistent hours every day of every week during the school year rather than having lots of breaks in the school year</li> <li>• you could increase your business by offering daycare during breaks in the school year</li> <li>• you coordinate with bus companies who are all sharing routes with different school boards</li> </ul>
<b>Date:</b>		
<b>Topic:</b>	Changing the School Year Calendar	
<b>Your Role:</b>	<b>Before and After School Care Provider</b>	

<b>Notice:</b>	Town Hall Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you are concerned about students being out of school for two months during the summer that rely on mental health supports at school</li> <li>• students who rely on meal programs at school do not have access to these over the long summer break</li> <li>• many teachers and students in your board rely on summer jobs to make money</li> <li>• scheduling before and after care and bus routes is already hard enough with a school schedule that has been the same for decades</li> </ul>
<b>Date:</b>		
<b>Topic:</b>	Changing the School Year Calendar	
<b>Your Role:</b>	<b>School Board Official</b>	

<b>Notice:</b>	Town Hall Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your business relies on the school year and summer break</li> <li>• you employ students every summer</li> <li>• many of your camps help students who are low income or students with exceptionalities</li> <li>• there are hundreds of summer camps in Ontario that employ thousands of people</li> </ul>
<b>Date:</b>		
<b>Topic:</b>	Changing the School Year Calendar	
<b>Your Role:</b>	<b>Summer Camp Operator</b>	