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Argument Graphic Organizer

English III CP - McCook

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| Claim:  High schools and middle schools should adopt school start times that are no earlier than 8:30 a.m. in order to promote students’ academic success and overall well-being. |

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| Arguments | Counter-arguments | Rebuttals  (Responses to the Counter-arguments) |
| * Adolescent sleep cycles don’t allow kids to feel awake until 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. * Sleep-deprived students are more likely to be sleepy and unfocused during A Mod classes; A Mod course grades are significantly lower * Sleep-deprived students are more likely to get in car accidents (dangerous for students and community) * Sleep-deprived students are more likely to be depressed * Students can have time for breakfast with later start times * Later start times would reduce absenteeism and tardiness | * Students could just go to bed earlier to try to get the needed hours of sleep * Students adjust and go to bed later * Other schedules like a rotating schedule could mitigate this effect * Parents work schedules mean they couldn’t take kids to school * Sports/extra-curriculars are pushed back to 4:00; fall sports would be running into darkness * Less time for homework * Less time for after-school jobs | * Changing to a rotating schedule is disruptive itself; the harmful effect of sleep deprivation is just spread out among all classes (doesn’t make the problem go away) * Sacrifices will be made→ Choose between academic success/overall well-being and SPORTS |

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| Narrative (Story): |