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School year starts too early

We live in the Midwest, not the South. Our weather seldom gets warm before the end of June. August is usually our hottest month. Yet school boards all around us are ending the school year in May and beginning the school year in early August. The latest to contemplate a calendar change is Downers Grove, ending May 24 and beginning school Aug. 16. We have many lakes with recreational areas around us. The water doesn't even get warm until July. The many swimming pools and water parks are now finding they have to close early in the season because there's not enough lifeguards. Our whole summer economy is being devastated.