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Group seeking to move school-year start date  
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At a time when students and educators are coping with extreme heat, a new state advocacy group is pushing for the school year to start much later.

The grass-roots group recently launched a Web site, [www.savetennesseesummers.org/index.html](http://www.savetennesseesummers.org/index.html), and more than 500 families are supporting the mission, according to a news release from the organization.

"The groups' mission is to lobby the legislature for a uniform, late-August or early September school start date for all Tennessee K-12 public school," the release states.

Rutherford County Schools started this year on Aug. 9, and Murfreesboro City Schools that use the alternative calendar began on July 23.

We want to know what you think. Readers wanting to share their insight on this issue for a story can contact staff writer Scott Broden by calling (615) 278-5158 or by e-mailing him at [sbroden@dnj.com](mailto:sbroden@dnj.com). Please include your name and a contact number.