***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Four-Day School Weeks**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another issue that could see time on the floor of the Missouri Senate again next year…

**Nat Snd :06 Q: the four-day week.**

A great deal of time was spent on education during *this* year’s regular legislative session. Most of the dialogue centered around how many days a week school should be held. A growing number of districts have moved to four-day weeks, which upsets some lawmakers.

To this end, [Senate Bills 411 & 230](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=419482) was introduced at the end of *last* year. This measure stalled in the Missouri House of Representatives…

 **Beck 1 :20 Q: decided not to.**

Senator Doug Beck of St. Louis says he continues to oppose four-day school weeks in Missouri…

 **Beck 2 :32 Q: nationwide and globally.**

Missouri senators have already pre-filed several proposals aimed at this for the upcoming regular legislative session.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Cindy O’Laughlin of Shelbina says she, too, prefers children attend school five days a week…

 **O’Laughlin 1 :17 Q: graduate from school.**

She also says she believes this issue is larger than four days a week vs. five…

 **O’Laughlin 2 :23 Q: have said repeatedly.**

Senator Karla Eslinger of Wasola has been chosen to become the next state education commissioner, which is slated to happen following the end of next year’s legislative session.

The Second Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will start at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

And remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a list of all pre-filed [Missouri Senate](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/BTS_Web/BillList.aspx?SessionType=R) legislation — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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