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THE BRIGSTON TIMES

Why Not Water?

By Clara Lucas

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We at the Brigston Times believe that there is a way for both sides to come to an agreement. Why not allow schools to have machines on their property that sell bottled water? This idea makes both sense and money. Schools will receive much-needed funds, and students will be encouraged to drink more water. Water is known to provide many health benefits.

The bodies of human beings are made up of 60 percent water. Water is the main ingredient in blood. Blood carries oxygen to all the cells in the body. A child who does not drink enough water may feel tired. He or she may also have headaches. This can affect a child's ability to concentrate in school. Also, water contains no sugar and no fat. It will not cause tooth decay. It will not cause weight gain either.

Water helps all body systems operate efficiently. It keeps the bodies and minds of young people working at their best. Children need to drink enough water each day. Having water vending machines at school increases the chances that they will.

It is our opinion that the local authority should allow drink vending machines in the schools. The money that schools make can be used to improve their libraries and sporting facilities.

However, sugary soft drinks are not healthy for children. These drinks should not be sold in schools. Water is the drink the schools should sell.

Water is an excellent replacement for sugary drinks. Children need to be encouraged to drink water. Drinking water helps them to stay in the best health possible. Water contributes to their ability to learn. Having more opportunities to drink water in school is good for children. It contributes to them maintaining healthier lifestyles.

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Children need to drink enough water to stay healthy.

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Schools should be allowed to have machines on their property that sell water.

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Water does not contain sugar or fat.

Detail

Water machines provide children with more chances to drink water. water to stay healthy.

Instructions: Read the question. Then write your answer in complete sentences on the lines below.

2. Do you agree with the author's point of view in the article?
Explain your answer. **Answers will vary**
