

TO: Youth Council

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FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

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For Discussion

SUBJECT: Two Million Minutes Video

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information Only.

DISCUSSION: Two Million Minutes (Running time: 54 minutes)

THE DOCUMENTARY

Regardless of nationality, as soon as a student completes the 8th grade, the clock starts ticking. From that very moment the child has approximately

- **Two Million Minutes until high school graduation;**
- **Two Million Minutes to build their intellectual foundation;**
- **Two Million Minutes to prepare for college and ultimately a career;**
- **Two Million Minutes to go from a teenager to an adult.**

How a student spends their Two Million Minutes - in class, at home studying, playing sports, working, sleeping, socializing or just goofing off -- will affect their economic prospects for the rest of their lives.

How do most American high school students spend this time? What about students in the rest of the world? How do family, friends and society influence a student's choices for time allocation? What implications do their choices have on their future and on a country's economic future?

This film takes a deeper look at how the three superpowers of the 21st Century - China, India and the United States - are preparing their students for the future. As we follow two students - a boy and a girl - from each of these countries, we compose a global snapshot of education, from the viewpoint of kids preparing for their future.

The goal is to tell the broader story of the universal importance of education today, and address what many are calling a crisis for U.S. schools regarding chronically low scores in math and science indicators.

In many ways the six kids simultaneously fit and break national stereotypes.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A