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Persuasive Writing – Sentence Starters

1) Introducing your opinion	2) Giving Reasons and Evidence	3) Showing the Problem
- I believe that... - In my opinion... - I am writing to explain why... - I think we should... - Many people agree that... - I am speaking to you today because... Example 1: I believe that our school should have more outdoor learning days because they help students stay engaged. Example 2: In my opinion, every student should have access to free breakfast programs to start the day energized.	- One reason is... - Another reason is... - Research shows that... - For example... - A friend of mine says... - Local people feel that... - This will lead to... - This will mean that... Example 1: One reason is that regular exercise helps students focus better during class. Example 2: For example, many teachers have noticed that students participate more after short activity breaks.	- This is a problem because... - This needs to be fixed because... - If we don't do something, then... - It could ruin _____ because... - Think about what would happen if... - Obviously, this is something we can't ignore. Example 1: This is a problem because students are becoming too tired and distracted by the afternoon. Example 2: If we don't do something, then the school field will continue to get damaged and unsafe to use.
4) Suggesting solutions	5) Appealing to Emotions	6) Invite the Reader to Take Action
- We can solve this by... - One way to fix this is... - If these plans go ahead, then... - Just think about how things could improve if... Example 1: We can solve this by creating a school-wide recycling program. Example 2: One way to fix this is by adding more benches so students have a place to sit during breaks.	- How unfair! - Do you really think...? - Is it really worth it? - Surely we can agree that... - Of course, everyone wants what's best for... Example 1: How unfair is it that some students don't have a quiet place to work on their homework? Example 2: Surely we can agree that everyone deserves to feel safe and welcome at school.	- Do you want to be part of...? - How could we possibly ignore this? - We should act now because... - Now is the time to... Example 1: Do you want to be part of making our school a cleaner, healthier place? Example 2: Now is the time to speak up so we can make changes that benefit everyone.

