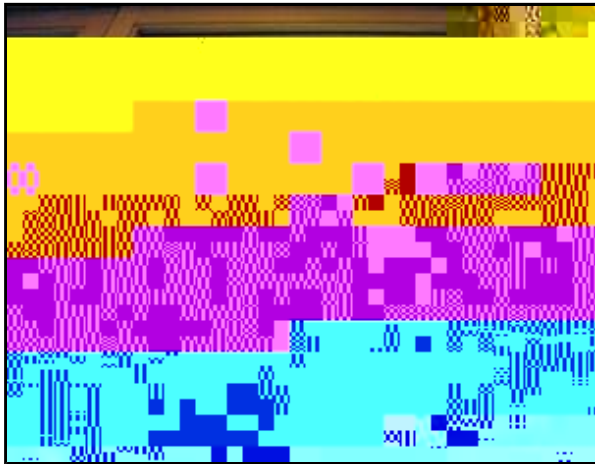


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## **Mixed reaction to school day proposal**

His suggestion for a longer school day and term drew mixed reaction centering on the potentially high cost of implementing it while



For the youthful, callow and largely inexperienced, it's an incredibly heady atmosphere. Some can understand and accommodate it, but in some others it breeds an arrogance and a belief they are immune from the rules and behavioral conventions that apply to others.

Whether this is what befell Bridget Anne Kelly is impossible to determine. What motivated her to carry out what, in retrospect, is universally seen as an incredibly ill-conceived, ill-advised and — in Christie's words — stupid act is not known.

As investigations move forward, perhaps these questions will be resolved. It is expected that Kelly, Stepien, former deputy executive director of the Authority Bill Baroni who was forced to resign, and other administration officials will be subpoenaed to testify. And, if former Port Authority official David Wildstein, who invoked the Fifth Amendment in his appearance before the investigating committee, receives prosecutorial immunity — as his attorney has suggested — his testimony will surely be both enlightening and damaging.

It may not rank up there with "I am not a crook," or "I never had sex with that woman," but "It's time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee" will be a part of New Jersey political lore for a long, long time.

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